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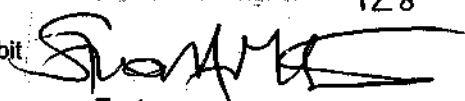
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Other persons present: Interpreter / Solicitor

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(TAPE ONE)**McINTOSH**This interview is being tape recorded and I'm
Detective Constable 2080 Stuart McINTOSH. The
other officer present is.**HOLT****DC 3201 HOLT.****McINTOSH**

And also present behind me is.

INTERPRETER**Farooq ACTA, police interpreter.****McINTOSH**

What's your full name?

I AHMED**Iftikhar AHMED.****McINTOSH**

And what's your date of birth?

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I AHMED 13th December 59.
McINTOSH Also present is?
SOLICITOR Gary SCHOOLER from Forshaws.
McINTOSH Can you confirm that prior to this interview taking place Mr SCHOOLER that you received disclosure verbally from Detective Inspector ORTON and also that you received a copy of two statements that Mr AHMED made to the police on this enquiry and also a statement that was made by his wife Farzana AHMED .
SOLICITOR Yes that's correct. I received, so far as Mrs AHMED was concerned, a statement in the original Urdu and a translation.
McINTOSH And that you've had an opportunity to advise your client with regard to that disclosure prior to this interview taking place?
SOLICITOR Yes.
McINTOSH The interview is taking place in an interview room at Runcorn Police Station. At the conclusion of the interview I'll give you a notice explaining what will happen to the tapes.

McINTOSH I'm going
to caution you and that is that you do not have to say

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anything but it may harm your defence if you do not mention, when questioned, something which you may later rely on in court and that anything you do say may be given in evidence. That's the caution that you had before when you were arrested this morning. Do you understand that caution?

I AHMED

Yes.

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McINTOSH First and foremost you've been arrest this morning
for the offence of kidnapping. Can I ask you what
that means to you?
I AHMED Nothing at this stage.

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Having explained the offence of kidnapping to him, the officers then asked the Defendant about his early life from his childhood until his marriage to Farzana Ahmed.

19.38 McINTOSH You were born in 1959 and we've got you up to a, a time when you were about 25, 26 years of age, is that right? So a quick maths Vicky what sort of year are we talking about now?

 HOLT 1986.

 McINTOSH 1986, now I'm aware again from your first statement that you and Farzana married in Utam in October 1985.

 I AHMED Yeah.

 McINTOSH So presumably that happened before you moved to Bradford, okay. So perhaps before we talk about Bradford you should actually introduce your wife into the conversation since she happens to, to come into it earlier than that.

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I AHMED Well me sister and me we got married the same time.
McINTOSH Did you and you never mentioned that.
I AHMED Well that was, that was one of the rea, when we went
back our grandmother was sick right so she said.
McINTOSH Yeah.
I AHMED She wanted to get us married whilst she was still
alive.
McINTOSH Yeah.
I AHMED So that's what happened.
McINTOSH Had you planned to get married up to the point where
your grandmother had said, "Please get married
before I go"?
I AHMED No.
McINTOSH No, so did you know Farzana before.
I AHMED I've known her since a child yeah.
McINTOSH Right, because she also is from Utam, is that right?
Are you related to Farzana in any way?
I AHMED Cousins.
McINTOSH Cousins and how are you cousins, I mean how distant
cousins are you?
I AHMED From me father's elder brother.
McINTOSH So you're father's elder brother, is her father is that
right.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Okay, so that's, that's close cousins.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Okay and just for the purpose of the tape I'm aware
that it's, it's very customary to, to marry cousins.
I AHMED In our way yes.

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McINTOSH In, in your way yes that's right and don't get me wrong I'm not making any judgement on that at all, I'm just basically pointing that out as a fact.

I AHMED Hmm, hmm.

McINTOSH That that is commonplace to happen. So you'd known her, you've probably grown up alongside her had you?

I AHMED Well only since she was born yeah.

McINTOSH Yeah, and had you got any sort of relationship with her other than the fact that you were, you were related. I mean had you seen each other in any way as boyfriend and girlfriend?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No, so how did the, the marriage come about then, if you can explain to me the, the marriage to Farzana, Farzana how did that manifest, how did that develop?

I AHMED The family just ask you whether, you know, do you want to marry that girl then they show you the girl.

McINTOSH Okay well I, I need, I need to just break that down a little bit and I'm sorry about this but I don't know so and you're going to have to sort of ...

I AHMED No it's just

McINTOSH Who is it that makes the approach?

I AHMED The family.

McINTOSH Right is the family of the bride or the family of the groom?

I AHMED Both.

22.24 McINTOSH In this case who was it?

I AHMED In this case it was the grandmother who spoke to her

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elder son to say whether he would prefer his younger brother's children to get married then.

McINTOSH Okay and what were your views on that?

I AHMED I just said yeah, no problem.

McINTOSH Right, did you, did you, does how can I put this in a, I'll, I'll put it in a very western way but does fancying somebody come into it. Does actually being physically attracted to somebody?

I AHMED It just never occurred.

McINTOSH Never occurred.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH And that's, that's not a problem to you because that's something that you're aware of?

I AHMED It just didn't cause any problem.

McINTOSH Okay, 'cos previously when you've had girlfriends presumably it was a physical attraction, you were drawn to them 'cos you'd made the arrangements yourself.

I AHMED No it was just somebody you went out with, the other lads and if you found a girlfriend that's fine, if not then come home.

McINTOSH But in this case your finding a wife and that's different.

I AHMED Yeah well in the case like you've got your family behind you as well.

McINTOSH Right.

I AHMED But I mean it wasn't a pressure or anything like that if that's what you're looking for.

23.23 McINTOSH No, no, no I'm not, I'm not looking for anything I'm

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actually looking for just the, the facts, I'm not looking.

I AHMED

McINTOSH To sort of.

I AHMED In, in those days like I mean what your parents or your grandparents said and did like it was for your own best, so you just went along with it.

McINTOSH And it was for your best, you actually felt that they'd, they'd done it for your best interests?

I AHMED No they actually ask you whether you want to marry and, and if you say no then they'll probably say right, try somebody else. If not, if you're okay with it, fine.

McINTOSH But in this case your grandmother's dying and you've got a sort of like an emotional tie there.

I AHMED There was nothing, no emotional tie at all right, I mean we've known the family since we were kids.

McINTOSH Right, you didn't fancy her but you were happy to marry her and that was your, your grandmother's wish.

I AHMED There was no problem with it.

McINTOSH Okay, who was it who came to you and said, "Will you marry Farzana?"

I AHMED Well they spoke, I mean obviously me grandmother spoke to me and me dad.

McINTOSH Yes.

I AHMED And her, her dad as well.

McINTOSH So it was your dad that came and spoke to you?

I AHMED No, no it was me grandmother said to me, she said, "Well what do you think about the, me daughter

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then."

McINTOSH Do you remember that occasions.

I AHMED Yeah.

24.34 McINTOSH Yeah, do you remember her actually her saying the words to you?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Yeah, whereabouts was she then?

I AHMED In bed.

McINTOSH She was, she was, she was that poorly she was lying in bed.

I AHMED She was really poorly right.

McINTOSH And she called you to the bed?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH And was there anybody else in the room at the time?

I AHMED Well just her, her daughter and her son.

McINTOSH Her daughter and son.

I AHMED Well the youngest, you know, me dad's other brother.

McINTOSH Yeah.

I AHMED I mean they were all there.

McINTOSH Right so she calls you in, she, what did she used to call you at the time?

I AHMED She just called me Iftikhar.

McINTOSH So she said, "Iftikhar, come here and"

I AHMED "I just want a chat with you."

McINTOSH "I just want a chat with you."

I AHMED Hmm.

McINTOSH Come on take me through the conversation now because I'm, I'm interested.

I AHMED It was just a normal conversation right, she, she asked

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me whether I would marry that girl.

McINTOSH And was she there at the time?

I AHMED What the girl?

McINTOSH Yeah, Farzana?

I AHMED No she was next door.

25.22 McINTOSH Right, she wasn't in the room when you were ...

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH And do you remember what you said?

I AHMED I said, "Yeah" I said, "If it's okay with them, yeah no problem."

McINTOSH Right, lit, literally you said, yeah, okay.

I AHMED Yeah, okay, hmm.

McINTOSH Yeah, right okay and how soon after saying 'Yes' did the marriage take place?

I AHMED Well me sister was getting wed about fortnight after that so they said do it at the same time.

McINTOSH Right, and is it customary for it to be done as quickly as that?

I AHMED Convenience it's nothing strange about it.

McINTOSH Right, I, I know that there have to be witnesses and, and I'm sure I've seen somewhere that, like for example she has to be asked on something like three occasions whether she's prepared to go through with it.

I AHMED Yes she had been yes.

McINTOSH And, and she was asked in those 2 weeks by three witnesses whether she would go through with it.

I AHMED No the three witnesses is when they're actually asking you for the proposal of marriage.

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McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED On the day of the marriage.
McINTOSH Yes.
I AHMED Obviously she's agreed to it before that.
McINTOSH Hmm, hmm.
I AHMED And.
McINTOSH And does she have to agree on three separate occasions?
I AHMED Well the thing is like it's three witnesses when they're standing the girl has to say yes three times in front of them to say that she's consenting to the marriage.
26.35 McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED And if she doesn't then obviously it doesn't happen.
McINTOSH Right and I'm sorry to, obviously I, I don't know and I do apologise for, for not knowing.
I AHMED No, no it's customary that.
McINTOSH But, but you are being helpful by actually filling in my education, so I'm sorry that I have to ask but I don't know.
I AHMED Well that's the reason that you've got three witnesses.
McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED So nobody can actually come outside and say well she's been married by force right, she didn't accept it.

McINTOSH Exactly, exactly three people are there saying.
I AHMED Those three.
McINTOSH We've asked her.
I AHMED People are three independent people from the village.
McINTOSH Yeah.

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I AHMED And they are probably they're not just any strangers like, they're well known three people.

McINTOSH Yeah.

I AHMED Who will stand behind the priest when he asks the girl and if she says 'Yes' they have witnessed it and if she says 'No' then it doesn't happen.

McINTOSH Right.

I AHMED That is normal procedure.

27.23 McINTOSH And that's the difference between an arranged marriage and a forced marriage because we're not talking about forced marriages here are we.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH We're talking about an arranged marriage.

I AHMED No even if it's not an arranged marriage, any marriage in our culture is the same situation.

McINTOSH Right and the ceremony itself is that, is that an elaborate affair, is that.

I AHMED The ceremony is individual like from one family to another.

McINTOSH Okay, I'm, I'm told and we're getting into the realms of, of marriages which was something I was going to leave 'til later but I'm, I'm interested in, in your specific marriage and what have you. I'm told that, that there might be a dowry involved. Did Farzana come with a dowry?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Why's that?

I AHMED Because I don't believe in it myself.

McINTOSH You don't, well at that time whether you believe in it

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now, I'm talking about those days.

I AHMED I didn't believe in it then.

McINTOSH Right, but is that not something that, that the family would have insisted upon?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No, oh right so that's not part of the culture then? Right okay.

I AHMED In other families it might be like but as far as I'm concerned right it's me uncle's daughter right, so why bother asking them to give you something when you've got it here.

28.32 McINTOSH Well I can see that now, you know, I mean I can see you're a mature man but you're in your 20's then and I thought you'd have gone with everybody else wanted.

I AHMED Never bothered.

McINTOSH Never bothered you. You do seem to be very easy come, easy go you know turn up in Copenhagen

I AHMED I believe in working for myself and have my own things.

McINTOSH Right, well that's commendable. So you married Farzana do you remember the, you'd better remember the anniversary, what was, what was the date?

I AHMED 16th October.

McINTOSH The 16th of October in 1985.

I AHMED 85.

McINTOSH And from there you, you moved to, to Bradford. I'm going to come on to talk about to, to Bradford and your time there but I'm going to ask Vicky if she has

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anything to talk about with regard to Pakistan.

HOLT Did you agree to the marr, marriage because it was your grandma that asked you and that she was very ill, or would it have happened between you and Farzana any way?

I AHMED It would have happened any way.

HOLT Would it. Was it something when you were growing up you were sort of, similar cousins, of similar ages.

I AHMED No when I went back there I'd seen the girl there any way, just did like her anyway so.

HOLT Yeah was, was there any other options, that sounds awful, were there any other girls, did you have any other cousins, did Farzana have any older sisters that, that might have been your suitors as well.

I AHMED Well her older sister is, she was already getting married to someone else so.

HOLT Right, okay so it, it, there was never plan between your uncle and your father of, of the two of you getting married from an early age it was left quite open and then just when your grandma asked you.

I AHMED Well we didn't know anything about it.

HOLT Right. Had you, were there any other proposals, have you ever had, have you ever proposed to any other girls or have there ever been any proposals towards you, apart from Farzana?

I AHMED No.

30.35 HOLT Okay, has Farzana always lived in Pakistan?

I AHMED Yes.

HOLT Yeah, she's never travelled out of Pakistan, okay and

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who was your sister marrying?
I AHMED That lad is living in Toronto now.
HOLT Right, was he part of your family?
I AHMED No.
HOLT He was outside the family.
I AHMED He was from, from outside the family?
HOLT Right and how did they come to marry.
I AHMED Well that's something the parents.
HOLT Right, oh so, so it was between your parents and his
parents?
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT So there, there must be some connection there.
I AHMED Well I don't know any connections, they just knew
each other from distant family so obviously their lad
wanted to marry my sister so that was that.
HOLT Okay, I think that's it thanks.
McINTOSH What Farzana's date of birth, something else you've
got to remember?
I AHMED 16, 16 December.
McINTOSH 16th of December.
I AHMED 1962, I think.
McINTOSH 62, okay so she's just 3 years older, er younger than
you.
I AHMED Younger yeah.
McINTOSH Okay, just out of curiosity is there something, as
you're growing up, because you're aware that there's a
possibility of marrying cousins that you actually look
around your family when you're, when you're
younger thinking who is there and who, you know,

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31.54 I AHMED and that one's been married off and.
Some families do some don't.
McINTOSH Right, was that something that you were always
aware of that that was your destiny to marry a cousin,
who could possibly be Farzana?
I AHMED No.
McINTOSH No, it was just again, you know easy come, easy go
sort of thing.
I AHMED No it wasn't easy come, easy go like I mean it's just
something that happened then.
McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED And that was that.
McINTOSH And basically the bottom line is that you, you had no
objections to this at all and neither did Farzana and
you, you got married at that time in October of 1985,
okay. You then came to live in Bradford in England
and from your first statement you said it was
February 1986.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Okay, why Bradford?
I AHMED Because me dad and the other family was already
back here.
McINTOSH So your father had left Copenhagen.
I AHMED He left while I was in Copenhagen, about 3 weeks
before that.
McINTOSH And why had he settled in Bradford?
I AHMED Never asked him.
McINTOSH Have you any idea why he settled in Bradford?
I AHMED We had some friends there if that's.

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McINTOSH So it could be that he'd gone because he had friends there. There wasn't an offer of a job there, there wasn't relatives there?

33.09 I AHMED No just friends.

McINTOSH so he was the first relative that you had in Bradford really, okay and, and why after all the problems that you'd had in England growing up, and yet you'd not had so many problems, it seems, in Holland and Copenhagen did you come back to England?

I AHMED Well when I got married right me, me dad said, he said, "Well now you've married again right so you might as well come back here right" and he said, "We'll try and work something out."

McINTOSH You say married again.

I AHMED No, when he said to me, "Now you're married."

McINTOSH Right.

I AHMED "Try and settle down."

McINTOSH Right.

I AHMED "Come and live with the rest of us."

McINTOSH Can I just clarify that have you ever been married before Farzana?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No, okay and I mean you've got children to Farzana, have you got children to, to anybody else? Sorry you're shaking your head there.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH So you have no children other than Farzana?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Other than to Farzana.. Right so, so it's clear when

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you said the word again was perhaps used mistakenly
so you're father said, "Now that you're married, you
might as well come over and live with us."

I AHMED

Yeah.

34.14

McINTOSH

And what was your view on that, 'cos you didn't have
a very happy time in England last time.

I AHMED

There was nothing wrong with it like, I mean it's just
like I said, when you're at that age if one thing doesn't
work out you try something else.

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McINTOSH Okay and Farzana fell pregnant sort of pretty soon after the, the marriage and what have you and then Shafilea was born. Do you remember the, the pregnancy?

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH How was the pregnancy.

I AHMED Normal.

McINTOSH Normal, well I'd better not introduce you to my wife, she wouldn't know what a normal pregnancy is. So Farzana didn't have any troubles at all?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH During the time that she was with Shafilea and, and Shafilea was born in Bradford. Whereabouts in Bradford?

I AHMED Bradford Royal Infirmary.

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McINTOSH Right, and was she full term?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Yeah, so she, she came round about the time that she was expected to come.

I AHMED Well about a week early I think.

McINTOSH And what was the birth like?

I AHMED Normal.

McINTOSH Normal okay so this is your first born. This is a proud moment in any dad's life really, the first born, I remember it was for me any way. So how did you feel?

37.43 I AHMED Great.

McINTOSH Yeah, were you happy it was a girl?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Would you have preferred a boy or not.

I AHMED It didn't really bother me, a child is a child.

McINTOSH Right and she was healthy.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Okay, she was born, am I right, the 14th of July 1986?

I AHMED That's right.

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How soon

after birth of Shafiea did, did you move to, to
Warrington?

41.29 I AHMED Well this lad came in, I think it was in August.
McINTOSH This, this lad, who?
I AHMED SALEEM.
McINTOSH Oh sorry, yeah, okay so Mohammad SALEEM came
over from Copenhagen, presumably.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH To England and did he settle in Warrington then?

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I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH So he came to Warrington, didn't come to Bradford.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH He came in when, when did you say?

I AHMED I think it was in end of August.

McINTOSH At the end of August, so, Shafilea would have been just 1 month old really. Yeah, 3 or 4 weeks. He settled in Warrington and then you upsticks and came over to Warrington as well.

I AHMED No he actually phoned me to say, "Come and see me" right so I did.

McINTOSH Go to see him.

I AHMED Hmm.

McINTOSH And you stayed?

I AHMED No, no just had a look around to see what the opportunities are here.

McINTOSH Right.

I AHMED And.

McINTOSH Why did you want to get away from Bradford?

I AHMED Well because I didn't fancy the restaurant job any way so I just wanted something different.

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McINTOSH Right, so you came over to, to Warrington at that point and whereabouts did you stay then?

I AHMED I stayed with him for a week at 5 Alamein Crescent.

McINTOSH Alamein Crescent which is a, a rented house in Bewsey?

I AHMED No, no, no that was his own property.

McINTOSH Right okay.

I AHMED In Orford.

McINTOSH Right and then you moved to a rented house in Bewsey sorry I got that wrong.

I AHMED Then I got one, I rented house in Bewsey.

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McINTOSH And where were you working?
I AHMED I started working taxis only when I came.
McINTOSH Okay what, what taxi firm were you with?
I AHMED Town Taxis.
McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED I worked for Brian.
McINTOSH Brian?
I AHMED Brian WILLIAMS.
McINTOSH At Town Taxis and you moved to 12 Vulcan Close,
that would still be round about the end of 86
beginning of 8. How long were you there for?
I AHMED 'Til 93.
McINTOSH Okay, and it was around August 93 that you moved
to.
I AHMED
McINTOSH Your current address.
I AHMED That was in May that we actually got the property but
by the time it was August when it was signed over.

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HOLT Okay. Obviously with regards to the children if we start of with Shafilea first of all if I can. Perhaps take it up to, seeing as we're up to that point, up to senior school. What were her characteristics?

I AHMED

20.06 HOLT If you had to, if you had to say in, in six sentences what, what were her, her, what was her personality and her characteristics up to senior school?

I AHMED She was a perfectly normal child.

HOLT Hmm, hmm.

I AHMED And nothing unusual.

McINTOSH But children differ don't them so.

HOLT Yeah.

McINTOSH Just how would you describe her?

HOLT I mean in terms of was she funny, was she giggly, was she naughty, was she mischievous.

I AHMED No I'd say just a normal kid.

HOLT Hmm, hmm.

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I AHMED Nothing unusual about it.
HOLT Did she communicate well?
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Yeah, and what about her development in terms of
 her education up to senior school?
I AHMED She was doing quite well.
HOLT Okay and how about her communication with
 yourself and, and your wife?
I AHMED Nothing unusual.
HOLT Would she, would she speak to you in Urdu?
I AHMED Well to me right I mean she spoke both right, with
 her mother right she spoke with her own language.
HOLT Yeah, yeah, but if, but if there was a few sort of little
 bullet points to make that would sum up her character
 from birth up to sort of the age of 11 or 12.
I AHMED She was very normal.
HOLT Hmm, hmm.
I AHMED Nothing unusual.
HOLT Okay.
I AHMED Nothing uncharacteristic if that's what you're looking
 for.
21.22 HOLT Is it easier for me to say how was she different from
 the other children?
I AHMED Well she wasn't any different, I mean they were all
 the same.
HOLT Right.
McINTOSH They're all little characters though in their own right.
I AHMED They're all little characters in their own right.
McINTOSH you know yourself which one is

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the one that's going to come out with the, the little cheeky comment, which ones going to be the sly wink, which ones, they're all different, all children are different. So Shafilea is unique.

I AHMED

Yes different from each other but.

McINTOSH

In her own right.

HOLT

Hmm, hmm.

I AHMED

To me right, I mean they're all the same.

HOLT

Yeah, well we'll move on to, to Rukish then. What made, what made her set apart from, from the other children?

I AHMED

She's not set apart I mean what, there's no difference between Shafilea and Rukish.

HOLT

I know that my mum would describe me, up until the age of 12, as a mischievous chatterbox. Now that's not necessarily, my brother was very different.

I AHMED

Hmm.

HOLT

You have little quirks don't you, as I'm sure you're different from your brother. It doesn't make any, any better or any worse.

I AHMED

To be honest with you right, I've never noticed anything, anything like that in a particular, so I mean as far as I'm concerned right, I mean.

HOLT

Hmm, hmm.

22.24

I AHMED

All kids are doing quite well in school, they're quite well at home.

HOLT

But I mean personally, like their little personal characteristics.

I AHMED

Well I mean every little kid have their own little hints

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like which.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Some time you may notice it and some time you may not.

HOLT Do you, I'm asking these questions because we know your children's names and their ages and that's it.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT We don't know anything, we know they did well at school we don't know anything personal about them.

I AHMED Well what sort of personal information are you looking for?

HOLT This, this is what I'm, I'm asking you.

I AHMED Well I mean like I said I mean to me right, I mean they're all the same in their own ways.

HOLT Yeah.

McINTOSH Well that's it their own ways and we're trying to find out what they're own ways are.

I AHMED Well

McINTOSH Because, because my children are different

I AHMED Hmm.

McINTOSH

they

react to things in different ways.

I AHMED Different in their own ways.

McINTOSH They have their own quirks.

I AHMED But I mean I've not noticed anything peculiar about it if that's what you're asking me.

23.25 HOLT It's not a peculiarity that, that, it's not we're not saying

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if Rukish was a chatterbox that that's a bad thing it's just a little thing that, that makes them different from each other, a characteristic that makes them different from each other.

McINTOSH

we want

to know that the children have their own characteristics it's not good or bad and there's nothing hidden in the question, it's just we can't talk about five children as all being the same and just being the name because that, that, that's not true they're their own people.

I AHMED

But every child is different.

McINTOSH

She's a real person.

I AHMED

In their own ways right, I mean.

McINTOSH

And so are the others.

I AHMED

What, what are you asking me to tell you right, I mean they're all different in their own ways.

HOLT

Yeah, was, as Shafilea was growing up was she a chatterbox?

I AHMED

She's very chatterable yeah.

HOLT

Yeah was she mischievous?

I AHMED

No I wouldn't say in that way right.

HOLT

No.

I AHMED

I mean no.

HOLT

Okay, was she shy?

I AHMED

Shy probably yes.

HOLT

Okay, was she funny?

I AHMED

Funny in her own ways.

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HOLT

Yeah, what, what kind of her own ways was she

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funny. What did she find funny?

I AHMED Well you know the things kids do with each other right, I mean.

HOLT Yeah, so with each other they, they had fun?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Okay, so what about Rukish, what, those kind of words what kind of thing would you apply to Rukish?

I AHMED Well she's different than Shafilea obviously.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED But in her own way again.

McINTOSH How?

I AHMED Well when you say how right, I mean what are you asking me in particular then, just?

McINTOSH Well you say she's different so you know that she's different so in what way is she different?

I AHMED Well Shafilea is different with her friends and what's she's got in school with what the kids here hang around with.

McINTOSH Well at home.

I AHMED Where Rukish right.

McINTOSH At home one would, one would be the one you knew would help mum and set the table.

I AHMED They all help.

McINTOSH One would be the one that turns the telly on first. One would be the one that probably wants to spend more time on their own. One is probably the one that giggles

I AHMED She would spend more time on her, on her homework if that's what you're asking.

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McINTOSH I'm just asking.
I AHMED Right.
McINTOSH To make her come alive.
25.36 I AHMED When they came home right I mean they all did their own work right first and then go and help with the mother.
HOLT Hmm.
I AHMED Where when I come home from, from work right I mean it's time to eat and then.
HOLT Hmm.
I AHMED Watch, watch television or whatever you want to do.
HOLT Which of your five children is the cheeky one. I don't mean rude, I mean cheeky as in will giggle first at something funny, on the telly?
I AHMED Well they all do.
HOLT There's, there's not one that is a little bit more cheeky than the rest.
I AHMED Well the little one, of, of them all is different than the older one.
HOLT Is, is that because of, of her age?
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Yeah okay and what about Junyade how, he's obviously growing up in a house with just one man which is you, and five women which is hard enough on anybody isn't it, but does.
I AHMED It doesn't seem anything.
HOLT How, how does he, does he play his sisters off.
I AHMED No.
HOLT Does he take advantage of having five women in the

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house.

I AHMED Not really no he just.

HOLT No.

I AHMED Tags along with them, you know.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Just normal.

26.42 HOLT Yeah, is there, is there anything, does he have boyish little characteristics, is he a bit clumsy is he.

I AHMED Well the thing is right I mean he does things his own way.

HOLT Hmm.

I AHMED And the girls do it their own ways so.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Just leave them to it, I mean they have their own fights now and again, you know they have their own arguments.

HOLT Hmm, hmm.

I AHMED Which is normal for kids, they watch their own programmes I mean one wants to do one thing, one wants to do something else.

HOLT Yeah, and what about Mevish, anything that you can think of that's.

I AHMED She's.

HOLT Particular to Mevish?

I AHMED Well Mevish and Juynade I mean they both get on and they both fight at the same time as well so.

HOLT Yeah, okay. How, how do they get on together. Are there any of your children that get on with each other better?

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I AHMED They all help each other with their school work.
HOLT Do the two little ones get on better.
I AHMED And the rest like, I mean, if, you know, borrow things
 and...
HOLT Yeah.
I AHMED Co-operate with each other so.
HOLT Right.

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I just want
to know ,because I was making references before,
about possible differences with your family to how I,
me as an outsider looks at your culture. Do you feel
that you're a typical family following Islam, do you
think you're a typical Muslim family?

I AHMED

I follow the Muslim religion in my own way, yeah.

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McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED What I practice is what I.
McINTOSH So it's personal.
I AHMED Personal.
McINTOSH Absolutely and does that go for.
I AHMED
McINTOSH Your family, your, your close family your wife and
the children.
I AHMED Now the children do it their own way like if they
want to pray in the time they do they pray if they
don't want to do it, you don't force them.
McINTOSH Right.
I AHMED It's something that you, you do it off your own back.
McINTOSH So would it be fair to say then that your faith and
your culture is personal to you and that you're not
typical of, of the stereo type you are your own person
and you, you can differ.
I AHMED Well I wouldn't push somebody to say right, "Look
you're going to do this."
McINTOSH So it's not regimented is it?
I AHMED No it's not.

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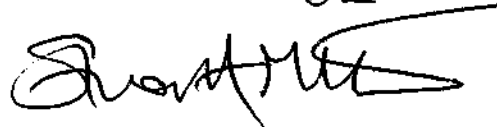
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What I want to do is ask you a series of questions after each section I will be handing over to my colleague to see if she has any questions about it. I want to talk to you about expectations of your children and their obligations from your culture and religious background, the roles that they have within your family, positive reinforcement what rewards you, you adopt, disappointments that they may have caused, or that they may be likely to cause, any dishonour that they've brought to your family, punishments that you've, you've put forward to them and any violence that goes on within the family. Also before that I'm going to talk to you about your arrest today. All right and that is just to go through the circumstances as they were relayed to me. I can tell you that Detective Sergeant PLANT recorded his notes contemporaneously and I've copied them from his book and I copied then this morning when he showed them to me first thing, prior to any interviews. He tells me that at 8.05 this morning he attended the address and he made known his ID to you and that he arrested you for the, the offence of suspicion of kidnapping your daughter, Shafilea, on or about the 11th of September this year. He did caution you and he asked you if you understood and you indicated you did, is that correct?

I AHMED

Yeah.

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Could you just speak up a little please?

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I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Thank you. Additionally he said that you refused him permission to explain to his, to your children what was happening and that you also said, "You're taking the piss, is that what you've been doing over the past 3 months." Is that correct?

I AHMED Not in that sense he's put it.

McINTOSH Okay, in which case I think it's important you explain the sense that you did say it in then?

I AHMED Well that was said to me before he actually cautioned me and took me into the other room to say that I was under arrest.

McINTOSH Okay, he did offer you his notes to sign, is that right?

I AHMED That was in the car coming back.

4.49 McINTOSH Yeah and did you.

I AHMED Not in the house.

McINTOSH Sign them?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH And did you read them?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Because you had the opportunity didn't you?

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Okay. Well that just covers the arrest this morning. I perhaps should have done that the first part of the interview but it's important that it's done any way, okay.

I AHMED Well before you go any further right when they came to arrest me right, why wasn't the arrest warrant shown to me when they came in then?

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McINTOSH Arrest warrant?

I AHMED Did they come with that?

McINTOSH I'm sorry we don't have an arrest warrant, we have a warrant that's signed to us to act as police officers and as such we can arrest you for a serious arrestable offence.

I AHMED Okay.

McINTOSH The offence of kidnap is considered a serious arrestable offence so we don't actually have to go to a magistrate and get a piece of paper that says that we could arrest, if you understand me.

I AHMED Right.

McINTOSH So I apologise if that was not made clear to you beforehand but sometimes these technicalities do tend to leave us all a bit baffled.

I AHMED Well that, that, that's fine.

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McINTOSH Right, what are you expectations of all five of your children?

I AHMED Expectation in what sense?

McINTOSH Do you know the word expectation and what it means?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH So what are you expectations of your children, what do you want from your children, what do you expect of them. What would you like to occur?

I AHMED I don't, I don't want anything from my children to be honest with you it's what they want for themselves.

McINTOSH Oh well I want my children to be happy, healthy and hopefully successful in whatever career they choose.

I AHMED Well they already are healthy and they're happy right and whatever success they have in their career is something to be seen when they actually go into it their careers.

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McINTOSH What do you want from your children?

I AHMED Like I said I don't want anything from my children I just want them to do what they are capable of doing themselves.

McINTOSH Do you want them to continue to practice as Sunni Muslims, and do you want them to continue their life.

I AHMED We are Muslims that's nothing to do with what they actually do as education.

McINTOSH So you would like them to continue to uphold the faith that you believe in, is that correct?

I AHMED Well we all do right, I mean that's something that you are born with.

McINTOSH Regardless of whether you do or not, is that something you'd like?

I AHMED Well regardless of whether they practice or not that's a different matter.

McINTOSH Would you like them to practice?

I AHMED That's up to them.

McINTOSH But would you like them to practice?

I AHMED It's not for me to decide whether they will do it or not right that's something that you're asking me to ask you to do something by force then.

McINTOSH No I'm not asking that, I'm not asking you to impose it, I'm asking what you want?

I AHMED They were born with their religion, they've been taught what, what we are then it's up to them to practice.

McINTOSH So you don't care if they do?

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9.09 I AHMED I don't no personally.
McINTOSH You really don't care if they uphold the values that
you've taught to them?
I AHMED What values are they?
McINTOSH the.
I AHMED The values I uphold is that they're brought up
decently, they have a decent education, they have
decent clothes, decent food and then it's up to them to
make whatever they want with their life.

I AHMED Right, I mean it's up to the kids to want what they
want for themselves. I can't expect a girl to say or a
boy to say, "Look I want you to be a doctor." If he's
not capable of doing it right he might be good in
another subject, he wants to be something else.

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I AHMED As far as I'm concerned they're quite happy, they're very healthy.

McINTOSH Do you want them to respect you?

I AHMED Well they do respect me.

10.14 McINTOSH No, whether they do or not, do you want them to?

I AHMED Well they respect you as a father and a mother any way so there's no problem there.

McINTOSH Do you believe that you have the respect of all five of your children?

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Do you believe that they are good Muslim children?

I AHMED As for what I can see from them yes.

McINTOSH All five?

I AHMED All of them yeah.

McINTOSH Do you expect them to go on and become successful because of what you have given them, in their earlier life?

I AHMED I can only help them along with the education that's if that's what you're asking me to do, that's what I do any way.

I AHMED

I want best for my kids. All I can do is provide this for them to take the opportunity and be something and provide as a father as, as well as anybody else.

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	HOLT	Regarding expectations. Do the children have expectations for themselves that you know about?
	I AHMED	Some of them yes.
	HOLT	Which, which ones?
14.44	I AHMED	Shafilea had expectations.
	HOLT	What, what were they?
	I AHMED	She was, want, she wanted to be a solicitor.
	HOLT	Aha, yeah.
	I AHMED	Which we all said fine.
	HOLT	Okay.
	I AHMED	No problem with it.
	HOLT	How about the others?

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I AHMED Well Rukish she's getting on to her GCSE's now right
so for the moment she hasn't decided what she's
going to do yet.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED And the other kids right I mean they don't know yet
what they want to be.

HOLT The expectations that, that your children have, or may
develop, do you and your wife fully support those
expectations.

I AHMED Yes.

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McINTOSH Okay, your children I mean you've presented them as people who, who, who do what they're told in effect, they, they tow the line, they certainly help out round the house.

I AHMED Yes the do.

McINTOSH Have they ever given you cause for concern, any disappointments, have they disappointed you in any way?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Have, have they ever disappointed you, to the point where you've, you've said to them actually you know, "I am disappointed in you, I was not expecting that from you and you've let me down"?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No, so they're absolutely perfect children?

I AHMED Well when you say perfect like I mean, obviously if they do little things like that I just let it be right ...

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McINTOSH They have never failed to, to come up to your expectations in effect, they always do what you tell them to do?

I AHMED Well I mean they don't do what I tell them to do right, they do what they want to do.

McINTOSH Right, but they've never disappointed you by their actions?

I AHMED Not in that sense no.

McINTOSH Vicky.

HOLT Is that because there is an accepted discipline within the house?

I AHMED Well like I said like, I mean they, they carry on with their everyday things as normal so you don't really need to say anything to them.

HOLT Hmm, hmm.

I AHMED They just do it.

HOLT Because, is that because they know what is expected of them as part of a family?

I AHMED Not really like, I mean, if they haven't got the time to do it right somebody else will do it. I mean they're not.

HOLT Obviously we're asking specifically you Have, have you ever had to tell the children that you're disappointed in them, in any way?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Do you know whether your wife takes on that role?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Is that something that your wife and you would discuss?

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I AHMED We've never spoken of it.
HOLT Okay, is there a scenario where Farzana's spending so much time with the children, as they were growing up, are you aware of her saying, "I'll tell your dad, if you don't do it, I'll tell your dad."
33.33 I AHMED She never said that to me any way.

HOLT That they've never given you cause to be upset or, or perhaps even disappointed or.
I AHMED Not in the sense that you can't actually talk up, up with the kid and say, "Look you've had this problem have you, do you want to talk about it."
HOLT Okay. What, what kind of problems would they be?
I AHMED I mean if they had anything in the school that's all .
HOLT Right.
I AHMED Other than that.
HOLT What about within the house?
I AHMED We've never had any problem with them in the house.
HOLT What about pushing each other down the stairs when they're playing, screaming and shouting and running up and down the stairs, coming in with muddy shoes?

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I AHMED They don't do that right, they just take their shoes off
outside and just clean them themselves.

34.37 HOLT Okay.
 McINTOSH Are you aware that Shafilea talked about her home
life to other people outside of the house?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Are you aware that she told people at the school
about her home life. So you've never been talked to
by teachers at the school about your home life and
things that they've perceived have been happening in
your house?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH So you've never talked to the school about your home
life? Never. Have you ever talked to any member of
Social Services about your, your home life based
upon things that have been said by the children?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Never. Have, were you aware that Shafilea was
seeing boys that you may not have known. Did you
know that she was seeing any boys?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH So you didn't know when she ran off whether she was
seeing boys or not and you never disapproved of any
boys that she may have had because you clearly
didn't know she was seeing boys?

I AHMED Because she never told us anything so.

McINTOSH And you never saw her in the company of boys and
you don't know of any boys that she's run off with?

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I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Does Farzana know of any boys that she may have run off with? You're shaking your head there.

I AHMED No, not that I know of.

McINTOSH And Farzana wont tell us that she knows of a particular boy that she ran off to.

I AHMED Don't know.

McINTOSH She's never discussed that with you?

I AHMED No.

36.24 McINTOSH we've disclosed to you some statements and some parts of statements. One of the statements is from a social worker employed by Warrington Borough Council and her name is Victoria BIRCHALL. She gave us a statement early on in this enquiry on the 8th of October and a referral was made to her by Cath PERRY from Great Sankey High School. Do you know Cath?

I AHMED I've spoken to her.

McINTOSH You have spoken to her?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH What have you spoken about?

I AHMED It was on the first occasion when Shafilea went from the house.

McINTOSH And what was said during that conversation that you had with her?

I AHMED Nothing basically she just said like, if the girl's happy to go back home, this was actually discussed in the school, headmaster's room.

McINTOSH Did she tell you why she thought she'd run away?

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I AHMED No.
McINTOSH Did she tell you what Shafilea had said to her about
the fact that she'd run away?
I AHMED No.

McINTOSH And you didn't ask?
I AHMED I did ask yeah, but they didn't tell me.
McINTOSH So you actually said to her, "Why do you think she's
run away?"
I AHMED No I just said like, I said you know, "Why did she run
away right" and she said, "Well we can't tell you, but
she wants to tell you herself."

37.48 McINTOSH Right, that's what she actually said. Because she
reported that Shafilea had returned to the school the
previous day from the referral that was made on the
10th of October at 2002 and that she'd spoken to the
head of year and during that conversation she
disclosed to the school that her father, you, had
beaten her the previous week whilst her mother had
held her down and this beating was due to the parents
believing that she behaved inappropriately with boys.

I AHMED Never happened.
McINTOSH Did you ever feel that Shafilea was behaving
inappropriately with boys?
I AHMED We didn't know that.

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McINTOSH Did you ever feel that she was behaving with, inappropriately with boys.

I AHMED She could have been but we didn't know anything about it.

McINTOSH You didn't know. You never knew of any boys that she may have been with?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Shafilea there has told a member of staff at the school who contact Social Services about her home life.

I AHMED It's the first I've heard of it.

McINTOSH And now that you've heard about it are you disappointed that Shafilea should have said that?

I AHMED Well not really because.

McINTOSH Not disappointed that she's told the school that you beat her.

I AHMED Well if it was that important right why didn't the school get in touch with me?

McINTOSH To be fair to you in the statement that you gave us, the written statement on the 8th of October, which is the same day, you did say, "I have never had any

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problems with my children and have never had any cause to be physical with them."

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH So not one ch, child would be in fear of physical abuse to you?

I AHMED They never have been.

McINTOSH Okay. We took a statement from Joanne CODE. Do you know Joanne CODE?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH What do you know about Joanne CODE?

I AHMED Well I know she's caused a lot of problem with the daughter any way so, but I've had confrontation with her in the school.

McINTOSH What sort of problems has she caused with your daughter?

I AHMED Well the sort of problem right, she was, what me daughter was saying to her whether she said it or not right it was never actually discussed in front of me while the daughter was there right when I asked the question to say, "Look" the daughter's stood next to her right, I said, "If she has a problem right, ask her to say to us, to our face, or if we've beaten or even we hit her anywhere right, let her say it herself."

McINTOSH And you said that to Joanne CODE?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH So you were aware that Shafilea was talking about your home life and that she'd accused you of beating her?

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40.36 I AHMED No, no what I was saying was like, I said to the teacher right, if there was any problem right, why wasn't we told. Instead of telling the girl to go to the Social Services or go somewhere else right, why not talk to us.

McINTOSH So you must have been told something in order for you to go and have this confrontation with Joanne CODE.

I AHMED We weren't told anything about any physical abuse in any way whatsoever.

McINTOSH So what were you told by Joanne CODE?

I AHMED All she said to us was like she said, "I can't tell you anything unless your daughter wants to tell you."

McINTOSH So why were you in there talking to Joanne CODE?

I AHMED Because we wanted to know why she was running away from home.

McINTOSH And Joanne CODE never told you that she had been telling things about what was going on in her home life?

I AHMED No she didn't tell us anything.

McINTOSH She says that on the 8th of October 2002, Shafilea came into school with bruising to her around her neck and her throat. Now you would have seen bruising to your own daughter wouldn't you?

I AHMED Of course.

McINTOSH Because that would be giving you concern wouldn't it?

I AHMED Yeah.

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McINTOSH And you would be fearful that she would be hurt, so presumably you asked Shafilea about these bruises to her neck and throat.

I AHMED I didn't see any bruises so I didn't have any questions to ask.

41.49 McINTOSH

didn't you see these bruises to her neck and her throat

I AHMED But there was no bruises right so what could I see.

McINTOSH On the 25th of November 2002, Shafilea came into college stating that she'd had bad weekend and that she'd been hit by her parents and that she'd been told that she could no longer work at the Kitchen Company. Did you tell Shafilea that she couldn't work at the Kitchen Company?

I AHMED What Kitchen Company?

McINTOSH The, well it'd be one of the phone companies that she worked for. Did you ever tell her that she couldn't work at any of the businesses that she started working at?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Never.

I AHMED We never asked her to take any job and we never asked her to give anything up.

I AHMED how come this, none of this has been mentioned to us before right. I mean

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we've been in, spoken to the head of the school, we've asked her loads of time right, "What's the problem?" Now if there was anything like that, even the police went to the school right, why weren't they told about it.

I AHMED Well is the police telling lies then, you, you tell me.
The police was actually present at the second time.

McINTOSH Let's talk about a boy called Mushy, do you know a boy called Mushy?

I AHMED Never heard of him.

43.11 McINTOSH Never heard of Mustak

I AHMED Don't know, who is he?

McINTOSH Mustak is the person that Shafilea ran off with in February 2003.

I AHMED Don't know what.

McINTOSH And he says that she, "Shafilea spoke to me about her home life, telling me her parents batter her." You're shaking your head there.

I AHMED I'm sorry but that just never took place.

McINTOSH Mushy has given us a statement saying it did

I AHMED Well who is he, we don't know him, never heard of him.

McINTOSH Regardless of whether you know him or not, he says that he was told by Shafilea that you batter.

I AHMED Well she can go out and tell everybody different stories right, I mean if it hasn't happened in the house

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right, why hasn't anybody ever accused me of any of this before?

McINTOSH If she was telling people this.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH What would you feel about her?

I AHMED Well obviously we would have solved the problem right, I mean to get the truth out of it.

McINTOSH Would you be disappointed in her?

I AHMED No I wouldn't be disappointed right, I'd just ask her to tell the truth.

McINTOSH So if you found out she was talking to people about you behind your back.

I AHMED What.

McINTOSH You wouldn't be disappointed in her?

I AHMED No what are you going to be disappointed over, if she's going to start telling different stories to different people right, we don't know anything about.

McINTOSH Well you didn't bring your daughter up to lie did you?

44.28 I AHMED Obviously not but she has been doing.

McINTOSH So if she has been doing, then that would be a disappointment wouldn't it?

I AHMED Well disappointment but nothing you can do about. If your kids are going to lie behind your back right, I mean what are you going to do about it.

McINTOSH Kate PEARSON is a close friend of Shafiea. Do you know Kate?

I AHMED I've heard the name, yes.

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She says that in September, October 2002, when we were in the 6th Form Shafilea was off for about one week. When she returned I could see that she had a small cut on her bottom lip. She told me that her family had done it to her. I can't remember which family member she said it was but then opened up

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and began to tell me about her family. She said that her mum and dad hit her lots of times for no reason."

I AHMED Not true.

McINTOSH Not true. Well to be fair you can't say and I can't say whether or not Shafilea.

I AHMED Well

McINTOSH Whether or not Shafilea said that but you're saying that the fact that, that it's been accused that you and your wife hit her isn't true, is that fair?

I AHMED Yeah.

The statement from Melissa POWNER.

Do you know Melissa POWNER?

I AHMED I know the girl yeah.

McINTOSH Do you know that she's a close friend of Shafilea?

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I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Yeah, would you describe her as a close friend of
 Shafilea?
I AHMED These are the two girls I think she hang around with
 any way so.
McINTOSH Right okay, so, so that's true in itself. Her statement
 was taken on the 8th of October this year, 2003,

Did
you ever confront your daughter over names on a
mobile phone. Did you ever seize a mobile phone off
Shafilea and then start interrogating it to see what
was on there?

I AHMED No.
McINTOSH No, you, you never did that. Were you aware of male
 names on the mobile phone?
I AHMED Not personally no.
4.19 McINTOSH Okay. She carries on,

Did you accuse
Shafilea of being sexually active with boys?

I AHMED I didn't know anything about it.
McINTOSH So you never worried and therefore verbalised those
 worries, accused her.
I AHMED No.

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says that she saw the marks as well on her neck
around about that time.

I AHMED Well we didn't see it so I mean I can't really say
anything about it.

McINTOSH Can you tell me that if Shafilea had marks
around her neck and throat, you would not have seen
them?

I AHMED Well if she had we would have seen them.

McINTOSH I'll just repeat what you've just said. If she had the
marks you would have seen them?

I AHMED Yeah, we did not.

5.47 McINTOSH And you never pinned her down, or never hit her.

I AHMED I have not hit any of my kids and I never do.

McINTOSH What about your wife, does she do that?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH I've got a statement from Ruth GARY, Ruth is a
social worker from Warrington Borough Council.

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This is dated the 20th of October 2003

the school have made the referral to Social Services and Shafilea asked them not to, okay. You understand that that's what the, the concept is.

I AHMED

Hmm.

McINTOSH

And at that moment in time the social worker hasn't actually seen Shafilea she's only reporting what Cath PERRY is saying to her, okay?

I AHMED

Right.

McINTOSH

But she goes on to say that, "Arrangements were made and I met with Shafilea later that day, shortly after lunch. Shafilea was anxious a lot more anxious than I expected that her parents were not contacted." So Shafilea actually thought that you'd be contacted and she was anxious that you hadn't been, okay. "She

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said something similar to, 'It was a one off incident there hadn't been any problems previously I wasn't worried about prob, any problems at home.'" That's what Shafilea is saying.

I AHMED

So what does that contradict then?

McINTOSH

She saying there's a one off incident, she's actually saying there is an incident but she's also saying no problems. So you've said no problems at all, but Shafilea's telling her that there was a problem.

I AHMED

We've, every time we had anything to do with her right is we've spoken to her, told her the right and wrong things and this is the way to go about it, it's up to you to decide what you want to do, I have never hit the child.

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9.43 McINTOSH So now that you've heard that Shafilea's been talking
to people about this, what, what do you feel. Do you
feel disappointed?

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I AHMED No, I'm not disappointed right, I mean if she's been
telling things like we don't know anything about
whether she has or not.

McINTOSH Do you feel angry about it?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH You don't feel angry that she's said these things
that you say are clearly lies.

I AHMED Well if, if she has said it like, I mean there's nothing I
can do about it really is there.

McINTOSH Because she's presenting a different
environment to the one that you've been describing.
She's saying that there, there was violence albeit
when she's confronted about it she may say it's a one
off incident but she says that there were problem with
boys, but you say you didn't even know about any
boys, never talked to her about boys?

I AHMED No I didn't, I'll be honest with you I don't.

McINTOSH Well if she's said these things and you've already said
that you accept that she has and they're not true.

I AHMED Well I wasn't aware of any of this at all, that I was
actually told before, so.

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McINTOSH We have a statement from Ann WOODS, dated the 3rd of November 2003. Now she's an acting Advice Services Manager from Warrington Borough Council,

Shafilea has told her this. So do we accept then that Shafilea has told her this?

I AHMED Yeah if, if she's lying to them then what

McINTOSH And continuing to lie in February

I AHMED Well obviously right I mean we're not aware of any of this.

McINTOSH The final part of her statement, that I wish to talk to you about in this interview, comes from Catherine HART, who was at Great Sankey at the same time as Shafilea. Do you know her?

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I AHMED No.
McINTOSH She's another pupil, she, she gave us a statement on
the 9th of December of this year

in the course of a child growing up, especially a girl, you'd talk about boyfriends.

I AHMED We've never had any discussion like that with her.

McINTOSH You've never put her straight about boys or anything like that?

I AHMED No she never talked to me about boys.

McINTOSH Isn't that part of your duties as a father to make sure
 that she's aware of the dangers out there and that boys
 can possibly.

I AHMED Yeah but this is.

12.54 I AHMED Something that our girls will not talk to you about.
McINTOSH It doesn't stop you talking to them about it does it?
I AHMED Just never occurred.

McINTOSH Those are the statements that have been disclosed. They're the only pieces of documentation I'm bringing into this interview. Generally, before I pass onto Vicky, I'm just going to ask you now what are you're thoughts about what we've just read there?

I AHMED Well I mean it's, it's her, what she's been telling
 friends I don't know whether it's true or not.

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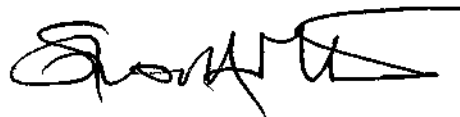
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McINTOSH The first time that Shafilea left home round about November 2002. Is it vivid in your memory that particular time when she went?

I AHMED That was the first time she went yeah.

McINTOSH Yeah tell me about that time.

I AHMED That was the time when she went out of the window. No she actually walked out of the door actually that day. When we woke up in the morning right, I mean usually we're up about 7 o'clock. When we got up right the kids gets up right and she goes to wake the, the sister up and you know, she's not there.

McINTOSH Yeah.

I AHMED So come running down right, the front door's open, she's walked out of the door. So I said to the kids like, I said, "Look let's get you to school and I'll go and see the police."

McINTOSH Must have been panic I would think in the house the

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15.10 I AHMED first time anything like this has happened.
Well it was right, I mean, just said to the kids like, I said, "Let's get you to school right and if you see her there just keep an eye on it and we'll go and see the police."
McINTOSH What was the build up to it?
I AHMED To that it was actually the week prior to that she actually went to see a friend to do some homework. It was one of the girls who actually live on the main road by the school and when, when I actually dropped her off at the house, she said, "Pick me up in an hour."
McINTOSH Yeah.
I AHMED So I dropped her off there and I went back to pick her up right and knocked on the door right, she, she wasn't there.
McINTOSH Hmm, hmm.
I AHMED So I'm thinking right, what's happened here so the girl's mother said right, I said, "Look she came here to do homework with your daughter." She said, "No" she said, "My daughter's sick in bed."
McINTOSH So she's lied to you?
I AHMED So she lied to meet somebody else right but.
McINTOSH Did you know who she was meeting then?
I AHMED No.
McINTOSH Did you find out who it was that she met.
I AHMED No she never said anything, I mean any way.
McINTOSH You must have asked her when she got back.
I AHMED Well I did ask her because she was walking down

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from the school, up the road.

McINTOSH And what did she say?

16.24 I AHMED I just said to her like, I said, "Where have you been?"
She said, "Oh I went to see another girl." I said, "Oh
right."

McINTOSH What, what did you think?

I AHMED Well at that minute nothing really right, I mean she
came home right and I said, "Look" I said,
"Originally you went to see your friend at that
particular house. Now that girl is sick in bed."

McINTOSH Yeah.

I AHMED "So what happened?" So she said, "Well I went to,
had some other paperwork to go and pick up from
another girl, so I went and done that." I said, "Oh
right."

McINTOSH if you drop her
off and she hasn't actually aware that she's ill in bed
when she knocks on the door and you've driven off
then she goes off to another friend. So that, that is
pretty reasonable.

I AHMED Yeah, but the next morning I went to school right and
I said, "Right" I said, "Look, who's your other friend
that you went to?" because apparently somebody in
the school ground mentioned that they've seen a car
with some lads.

McINTOSH Right.

I AHMED And when I asked her right she said that she doesn't
know anything about it, so I thought well maybe she
doesn't.

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McINTOSH But you did question her about the lads?

I AHMED I did question her about it, but she said she doesn't know anything about it, so I just left it at that.

McINTOSH Now just, I'm coming back to something you said yesterday, when you said you'd never questioned her about lads.

I AHMED No I mean on that, that was the first incident where somebody else, one of the other girls have said like they've seen her standing by a car in the car park.

McINTOSH Yeah.

I AHMED Now when I asked her right, "Was you standing in the car park with somebody?" right she said, "No" she said, "I don't know any boy."

17.59 McINTOSH Okay, okay.

I AHMED You know.

McINTOSH Well let's, let's go through a couple of comments. The first one actually precedes this I believe which is the statement from Laura MEADOWCROFT which is dated on the 10th of November 2003. Laura is a school friend of Shafilea. Do you know Laura?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No okay, well she has many school friends.

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McINTOSH She says that her parents had taken all her money and tried to take the phone. Do, do you take money off her?

I AHMED No we didn't take the money she drew the money and put it with us.

McINTOSH Okay and tried to take her phone. Have you ever taken her phone off her?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Because you remember yesterday we mentioned about taking the phone and then having a look and seeing all the boys' names.

I AHMED I didn't actually take the phone off her and I didn't see any numbers of the boys either.

McINTOSH Did you missus, did your, did your wife?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No, okay. Is there anything else that you'd like to comment about that particular statement at this moment in time?

I AHMED Not really because I mean that, that was the first particular time that she actually left home and when we went to the police right and tried to report her for missing right and they said, I said, "While you're doing that report." The guy was saying, "Oh just

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hang on I'm a bit busy." I said, "Well look I'll go and look for her right, and come back and tell you what, if I find anything." So when I went in, round the school right, I didn't find anything right, so we came back home. Before we could even get to the police right the school rang up to say that they found her round the school.

I AHMED Well obviously right I mean that's the first time she did anything like that right, so you automatically go looking for her to see where, where, which way would she go at that time in the morning.

McINTOSH Okay, do you want to comment on this particular statement or, continue with these?

HOLT Can I just go back to a point very quickly. This was the first time she went missing. You've connected that with an incident where there was a problem over where she actually went and lads hanging around, is that correct?

I AHMED I spoke to the school over it.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT But are you connecting the two incidents?

I AHMED Possibly yeah.

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HOLT Yeah, so her, her going from home was in direct relation to a little bit of a discussion on why she didn't go where she said she was, and perhaps boys hanging around the school?

I AHMED No I just asked her right, you know, you were supposed to be at such and such place.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Right, if you went somewhere else like, I mean.

HOLT But you, you yourself connected the two incidents together, her going missing from home and the issue of her going perhaps seeing boys and.

I AHMED Not the boy incident.

HOLT No.

I AHMED I spoke to the school when the girl.

HOLT That night.

I AHMED That night.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Nothing was spoken of.

22.50 HOLT Are you connecting that incident with the reason from her going missing from home a week later?

I AHMED No, not really no.

HOLT Okay, what happened in that week, between the incident of the homework and her going missing. Did you keep her off school that week?

I AHMED All I said to her was like, I said, "If you're going to lie to us about different things like that" right I said, "We're not going to take you to school, if you want to walk it then go ahead, walk."

HOLT Okay did she go to school that week?

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I AHMED No she said, "I'm not going then."
HOLT Why?
I AHMED Don't know she said, "If you're, you're not going to
take me with the other kids I'm not going." So she
stayed off for about 3 or 4 days and next thing, right
on Monday morning, right, she's off with a packed
bag and everything.
HOLT So she did take bags.
I AHMED Well she took some clothes with her.
McINTOSH So it was a build up then, the three days that she was
off and what have you, it still hadn't resolved itself
and she was obviously very upset.
I AHMED No I mean I said to her, "If you want to do it that
way" right I said, "I'm not dropping you off here
there and everywhere right if you're no going to tell
us the truth. So if you want to walk to school and
walk back home, you're more than welcome to do it
off your own back."
McINTOSH Pretty obvious question to ask but did you actually
throw her out of the house at that time?
I AHMED No.

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McINTOSH I'm going to move from that, Vicky?

HOLT Yeah carry on.

McINTOSH Statement from Dennis LAITHWAITE. Dennis LAITHWAITE is a police support worker at Arpley Street Police Station. It's dated the 7th of November 2003, and he says, "About 9.48 hours" so just before 10 to 10, "On the 25th of November 2002, I was on duty at the public enquiry desk at Warrington Police Station. At this time a Mr Iftikhar AHMED called at the desk to make a Missing from Home report in respect of his daughter Shafilea AHMED." So you reported the matter.

I AHMED Yeah

McINTOSH Yeah, okay, that matter was passed on but we wont go any further than that just to suffice to say that you did report it at that time, at the police station.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH We have a statement from Kate HARPER on the, which was taken on the 10th of October 2003. She's the career adviser with Connexions, you're aware that Shafilea used to go there for advice on careers. You're not, your wife's actually turned up at the premises with her on one occasion.

I AHMED But that was now right, this time when she came back.

McINTOSH Yeah Connexions, you're aware that Shafilea has been to Connexions for advice.

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26.00 I AHMED She has before but we've never been with her.
McINTOSH Right, I don't know, but you're aware of Connexions?
I AHMED Oh yeah, yeah.
McINTOSH Thank you. In October, November 2002 an Asian female called Shafilea AHMED was referred to me by a teacher Joanne CODE at Sankey High School.

I AHMED In 2002?
McINTOSH In, yes, yes. She saying that Shafilea in November 2002 had been made aware that she was going to be taken to Pakistan for an arranged marriage and that is what she said in November 2002,

Do you wish to
comment about that?

I AHMED No there was no issue of arranged marriage at that

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time.

McINTOSH So Shafilea is talking of an arranged marriage and she's making that up

I AHMED Yeah because there was never ever arranged marriage in the first place before we left here for the holiday.

McINTOSH your comment there, "There was no talk of an arranged marriage at that time" which suggests that there was talk of an arranged marriage at a later time.

I AHMED No the arranged marriage came right, I mean when we went back home. The proposal came from another family member right I mean which I've already told you about and I rejected it straightaway, I said, "Look the child doesn't want to have it that way right, just we don't want to be interested in it and that's that."

28.09 McINTOSH So in November did Shafilea believe she was going to Pakistan and was there talk about an arranged marriage?

I AHMED Well that's the first time I've heard of it right, I mean.

McINTOSH because there was talk of an arranged marriage when you went to Pakistan and she did go to Pakistan only a few months later.

I AHMED Yes.

I AHMED the thing is like, I mean, if, if the kids are making something up themselves right, I mean we don't know anything about it. So I mean what can I

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say over that.

McINTOSH And later it, it transpires that, that it.

I AHMED No I mean when you.

McINTOSH Comes to pass.

I AHMED Listen, we went to, on holiday right I mean the weddings we went for right were the other weddings. Those have nothing to do with my chi, children right or there, there weren't any proposals of marriages when we actually went there right. Now when people and family meet up there right, obviously right, they said, "Oh well he's two daughters there right, ask him for the hand of the daughter." And when they did right, I said, "Well for the first she's not old enough to be married, right, secondly she's under education and she, she doesn't believe in this stuff any way."

McINTOSH Well I'll not get in to the arranged marriage and whether she was old enough we'll talk about that another time.

I AHMED But there was no talk about that prior to the holiday right, I mean if she, whatever the reason they made it up, if she didn't want to go back home for some reason. That's something that she made up with her friends, like I mean we weren't aware of that until actually the second time she left home.

29.40 McINTOSH The final statement comes from PC Colin HAYES so we took that statement on the 19th of November 2003. He's the police officer that attended your home on the 26th of November 2002. Do you remember Colin HAYES, turning up with another officer?

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I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Yeah, "The visit was in order to verify that a missing person by the name of Shafilea AHMED with a date of birth had returned home safe and well. We then ascertained from her father that he'd located her at Great Sankey High School, Barrow Hall Lane. The girl appeared to be safe and well"

I AHMED Hmm.
McINTOSH Yeah, do you know where she'd been staying?
I AHMED
McINTOSH Okay before I come on to talk to you about the trip, the, the latest one in February 2003, I'm going to ask Vicky if she's got anything she wants to ask you in that respect?
HOLT No I don't think so thanks.
McINTOSH We've got three sections of statements to do with the time that she ran away in February and _____
 | you said didn't have any problems,
 | didn't present, she was a happy, healthy girl who

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didn't cause you any problems at all. We have a statement from Pauline MULLHALL dated the 10th of November 2003, Pauline's employed by Connections

McINTOSH Shafilea is, is going in there into the scho, into Connections and she's worried about an impending trip to Pakistan. Did she express worry to you about the trip to Pakistan?

I AHMED No.

31.56 McINTOSH Was the trip to Pakistan against her will?

I AHMED No, because when we actually planned it right I actually gave the dates to the schools when we were leaving and when we were coming back and she was actually with us.

McINTOSH Well that's because you have to and to be fair the dates didn't even correlate any way did they because you kept them out longer than you, you initially said so.

I AHMED No the kids stayed because of their own will right, I mean it's not something that I kept them there.

McINTOSH why would she think she wasn't going to come back?

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I AHMED But this is the first time when I heard about arranged marriage business like, the second time when she actually was away for about 10 days. Then when I actually spoke to her right it was like nearly, well she went on Friday, she was away for most of the week and the following week as well, and nobody would tell us where she was right or anything like whether she was back in school or somewhere else and me daughter said, she said, "I'm sure I've seen her in Friday in school." So I said, "Well if that's the case right I'll come on Monday and see if she's there."

McINTOSH Where did she stay in that time.

I AHMED Don't know, they didn't tell us.

McINTOSH You have no idea still.

I AHMED No they didn't tell us.

33.14 McINTOSH Do you know who she stayed with?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Do you know who she went with?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No idea whatsoever. Did you ever ask her?

I AHMED Yes and she didn't tell us.

McINTOSH Must have been very frustrating for you, you needed to know that information

I AHMED Well the school wouldn't tell us right and she wouldn't because what the school turned round and said right, "She's 16 she doesn't have to tell you, we don't have to tell you."

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McINTOSH You just couldn't get it out of her?
I AHMED No just didn't, I just ask her plainly right, she said,
"Look, I can't tell you right."
McINTOSH She was that defiant, she would not tell you what you
asked her.
I AHMED Yeah but that's kids.

I AHMED I mean the thing is right, I mean how are you
go force something out of a kid if they don't want to
tell you. Do you expect to just beat it out of them
then I'm afraid that's not me.

McINTOSH Okay, we've got a statement from Melissa POWNER
dated the 8th of the 10th 2003.

She
says, "That she" Shafilea, "began to sneak clothing
out of her bedroom and hide it down the stairs in
readiness. The doors to her home were locked at
night-time and the only ways out were via small
windows one of which she climbed out of." Does
this tally with how you remember her getting out of
the house in February?

34.38 I AHMED The doors have never been locked in our house.
McINTOSH The doors have never been locked in your house?
I AHMED No.
McINTOSH Weren't they locked yesterday when the police
officers attended at the house?

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I AHMED Look there's always a key in the door.

McINTOSH So the door are locked?

I AHMED There's two doors like you've got the, the patio door and the porch.

McINTOSH Do you think your daughter got out through the window on that occasion?

I AHMED She did get out of the window yeah.

McINTOSH Why when she could have gone through the door?

I AHMED Don't ask me why because obviously.

McINTOSH she couldn't get out through the door could she?

I AHMED Well the keys were there right why didn't she use them.

McINTOSH Right. The final statement on this part before I hand over to, to Vicky about this particular incident, is from PC David GRIFFITHS. We took the statement on the 17th of November 2003, he's a police officer who attended 151 Liverpool Road, Great Sankey on the 19th of February 2003. This is the follow-up visit when she's to return. You wouldn't be aware of this visit would you and why wouldn't you be aware of that visit?

I AHMED Because we actually went that day.

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So the police

followed up a

Missing from Home enquiry.

I AHMED

Who called the police?

McINTOSH

The police were made aware, did you call the police on that second occasion. Did you notify the police that she had gone missing?

36.28

I AHMED

On the second occasion. No because when I actually went to the school and spoke to her friends about it right and they all turned round and said nothing about her right, on Monday morning when I went and spoke to the headmaster, the head of the school of the 6th form and said, "Oh yes she staying with some friends in Blackburn, or Bradford." So she said, "We can't tell you anymore than that."

McINTOSH

But you must have done quite a bit to try and find her on that occasion, drive around, do different things?

I AHMED

No, there was nowhere to drive around. I mean where would I go in Blackburn I don't know anybody there.

McINTOSH

I'm going to hand over to Vicky at this moment in time.

HOLT

From your statement I can see

there's been some kind of conflict between yourself, yourself and Shafiea where she's been taking English clothes to school and you've approached her asking her why because they've never come back. Yeah, to the ex, and also staying behind

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at school to the extent where you actually went to the school because you'd say that you were suspicious of why she needed a change a clothes and that you wanted to double check with the school that she was actually staying behind and doing homework and you blamed the school for not informing you they weren't staying behind.

I AHMED No the staying behind business was another incident right.

HOLT Yeah before she went missing from home.

I AHMED It was in the same week.

HOLT Right, so on the last missing from home there's been an issue with her not being where she told she was, going missing from home a week later. In this case there's been issue with you having to go to school, about staying at home and about clothing. Within the week she's missing from home again.

I AHMED Yeah but the thing is right.

38.12 HOLT Is, is that right, is that how the sequence of events worked?

I AHMED Yeah but she didn't show any sign to us in the house that she was having any problem.

HOLT To, to be fair as a 16, 17 year old girl, if she's planning that she has to leave she's not going to, to appro...., if she's done it before she's not going to approach you to say, "Oh I'm going to run away again next Monday."

I AHMED Well obviously yeah but.

HOLT Do you know what I mean so she, she might hide that

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from you, do you agree with that?

I AHMED Yeah but why was she doing it, that's what we can't understand.

HOLT Yeah, but do you see how you have come into conflict with her, a week later she's run away on both occasions?

I AHMED Yeah but the, the conflict was right of why she was taking the clothes into school.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Right and then she doesn't bring anything back.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED There wasn't a conflict like, it was just a simple question.

HOLT Right, but you've asked her, you, you said in your statement that you kept asking her, she kept lying about it.

I AHMED No I didn't ask her right, I went to the school and asked the teacher.

39.04 HOLT Okay, I'll just, er, you said here. That, I'll brief it, "Two days later Shafilea told her mum that she needed to do homework, fine you got to the school at 5.20 told, told by the staff that nobody was staying behind. I went home and Shafilea turned up. She told me that Melissa's father had dropped her off it was around 6 o'clock when she got home I made enquiries and found that no one had stayed behind. I spoke to Mrs CODE regarding it but she said that due to Shafilea's age and being out of school hours there was nothing she could do. I spoke to Shafilea about

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it but she continued lying."

I AHMED Well she, she said to she said she got dropped off by this girl's father right.

HOLT Okay, why did you doubt that?

I AHMED Because I know for a fact like that her father has never, he doesn't even know where we live.

HOLT Okay do you think that Shafilea lied to you because she didn't want you to know that she was perhaps off with her friends, there is a reason why she lied to you?

I AHMED Yeah but then why does she not just say straightforward right she's going out with her friend like.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED And she'll be home at a certain time.

HOLT Do you think.

I AHMED Why ask somebody to come and pick you up at half 5 in school.

HOLT Okay. Do you think she feels that she can talk to you about things like that?

I AHMED Well I don't know why she didn't right, that's what we can't understand right.

HOLT Okay, I'll just, I'll just read another part sorry to go on Stu.

McINTOSH No, no

HOLT I'll just read ano, another part. She has English friends, English clothes when she goes to her friend party things like that. She told you that she needed to take English clothes to school to wear during her

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drama class. This was around January. You've then said in your statement, "I was a bit suspicious so I went to the school to check why she needed a change of clothes with Mrs CODE." Why do you involve Mrs CODE in clothing for drama class, why didn't you ask Shafilea?

41.19 I AHMED Because when I asked her right, I mean you don't need four pair of clothes.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED For drama right.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED If you're going to change over right, you'd probably need one pair of clothes right and that's that.

HOLT Did you ask.

I AHMED Now when she.

HOLT Sorry.

I AHMED When she had four pair right.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED I said, "Right" I said, "Take them with you right and I'll have, I'll have a word with your tea, teacher over it."

HOLT Okay, so you told her to take them with you. Why didn't you say, "You don't need four pairs of pants for drama, don't be silly leave them here."

I AHMED No but I have an argument with her right, I just go and ask the teacher if she has got a drama then fine.

HOLT Okay, but what if she hasn't, what happens then?

I AHMED Well obviously then she's lying again so.

HOLT Okay, did you ask her about it?

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I AHMED No because the teacher says she has got a drama right and she may need them.

41.58 HOLT Okay, and then within the same week she's gone missing again.

I AHMED Well obviously but I mean.

HOLT Yeah, but, but do you see what I mean, there is, when I say conflict I don't mean that you are having running battles with her, I am saying that you believe she's lying, she's telling you stories, you're checking up on her, within a week she's missing from home. Things come to a head, she goes missing from home on each, each of those occasions.

I AHMED Well, why can't she talk to somebody about it.

HOLT Right, but do you agree that, that, the incidents that I've described happened, both times, that she went missing a short time before she did go missing.

I AHMED Yeah but she never said anything.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED To us about anything.

HOLT I can't, again I can't answer for her not explaining things to you but that is how you've described it in your, your statement.

I AHMED I mean.

HOLT The two incidence of missing from home.

I AHMED This is what I can't understand right.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED You know if she wanted to talk to somebody about it, we have always said to her right, "If you've got a problem sit down and talk about it."

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HOLT But she obviously doesn't, does she?
I AHMED Well she didn't tell me.
HOLT Yeah.
I AHMED On those two occasions then.
HOLT Okay, that's it thanks.
McINTOSH

You state that she 's happy, there's no problems, never caused you any problems, never caused you any disappointment and nothing's wrong. this is a girl who talks about violence in the home, she presents to others as crying, she runs away from home, obviously upset with home. Those two things don't tally do they.

McINTOSH And what is actually happening aren't the same are they?
43.40 I AHMED Well tell me something right if she's got a problem with us and she doesn't want to talk about it, right. She leaves home the first time, comes back off her own will. Goes the second time, comes back again off her own will. Now is anybody forcing her to come back?

I AHMED if you was in such trouble right with, with the family right and the family's not good enough for you

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right, then why keep coming back to it. She had the opportunity both times, we couldn't do anything about it, we weren't forcing her to come back.

44.51

You just said that she came home of her own free will. On the second time that she was missing from home is it correct that you were in your car outside the school, you saw her on the street, you took her into the car, Melissa ran away. Is that correct?

I AHMED

All I asked her was like, at that particular time, that was the Monday morning.

HOLT

Right, is that true that, that when you, you said, that

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nobody made her come home, she came home of her own free will.

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HOLT In actual fact you picked her up in the car and you took her home and then returned her to college later on that day.

I AHMED All I asked her was like, "Why, why have you run."

HOLT Okay.

McINTOSH We're not going to ask you any more questions about this particular subject. Is there anything you want to add at this moment in time, bearing in mind that the tapes running out?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Okay thank you. The time according to my colleague's watch is.

I AHMED 8 minutes past 1.

McINTOSH And we'll turn off the tapes.

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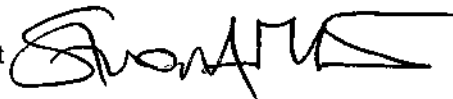
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There can be no doubt that Shafelia was under the impression that she was going to be subject of an arranged marriage.

3.54 I AHMED In her own mind possibly
McINTOSH And I think that's clear from previous documents that we've submitted to you of things that she's been saying and also the information that's been provided on this latest one.

I AHMED Well that's what she's been thinking obviously.
McINTOSH that's what's in her mind,

I AHMED From that information yes.
McINTOSH Yes. So the point is was there an arranged marriage for Shafelia?

I AHMED No.
McINTOSH You had talked about it though hadn't you?

I AHMED The proposal was mentioned.
McINTOSH When?

I AHMED Say roughly about the middle of last year.
McINTOSH The middle of last year. Are we talking June, July, summertime of 2002?

I AHMED Possibly yes.
McINTOSH And how did it come to you?

I AHMED There was a conversation over the phone.
McINTOSH So the phone just goes one day out of the blue or was there a preliminary phone call so you were expecting this call?

I AHMED No, they usually do call you now and then like, they can just.

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McINTOSH And who was it who made the call?

I AHMED It was Mr Abdul RAZAK.

McINTOSH Abdul RAZAK. And just for the purpose of the tape explain who Abdul RAZAK is.

I AHMED He's me uncle's wife's brother.

McINTOSH And can you just sum up very brief, sorry its your uncle's wife's brother, yes I'm with you. Can you just sum up very briefly the nature of that conversation, how it went.

5.30 I AHMED Well he just said, he said oh I believe that you know, your daughter's 16, now right have you thought about her marriage and I said no.

McINTOSH Right. And that's the, that's obviously putting it into the, into the open that that's what he's thinking about. Did you then extend the conversation?

I AHMED Not really not because I mean I just said to him like, I said look I said she's not even old enough to be married anyway.

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I AHMED As a Muslim Koran does not dictate that you marry a
child at a certain age.

McINTOSH But you should ensure that she gets married
when she's of an age.

I AHMED When she's old enough, when she's old enough yes.

McINTOSH Thank you. So it would be in your interest then to
enter into this arranged marriage.

I AHMED Well not necessarily no.

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McINTOSH Why would you be against it?

I AHMED Well I'm not against it like, I mean if its not the will of the child then obviously its not going to happen.

McINTOSH So when that phone call happened, did you speak to Shafilea about it?

I AHMED Only as just a general conversation.

McINTOSH Roughly summarise what sort of a thing you would have said to her.

I AHMED Just as a gesture I said so and so was asking for your hand in marriage, what do you think.

8.15 McINTOSH Now she would have known who it was that was being proposed as a groom.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH

she was suggesting that the person was a lot older than her. Who was the prospective groom, who was the one that was being offered as the groom?

I AHMED It's this fella's son.

McINTOSH Yeah and his name is.

I AHMED Rafaket.

McINTOSH And where does Rafaket live?

I AHMED He's in, somewhere in the Saudi's.

McINTOSH I thought he was in Greece, is that not correct?

I AHMED It might be now, I've no idea.

McINTOSH Now going by your father's statement and the passages that we disclosed to you.

I AHMED I don't know which country he is in but I know he is

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abroad somewhere.

McINTOSH Right and how old is he roughly?

I AHMED I'd say about 26, 27.

McINTOSH Now it is customary where possible for you to marry
cousins isn't it, it strengthens family ties, strengthens
land holdings, there's a lot of positives from marrying
cousins aren't there?

I AHMED Customary yeah but.

McINTOSH It is customary.

McINTOSH Okay. So you mentioned that there'd been a phone
call about an arranged marriage.

I AHMED It was just a gesture.

McINTOSH Cos that's out of courtesy really I would think.

I AHMED Well yeah.

McINTOSH Yeah okay. And you've seen there that from then

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we've disclosed to you

Shafilea is telling people,

what she expects is going to happen to her when she goes to Pakistan, that's what she believes.

I AHMED It was just a gesture over the phone right and that was knocked back straight away right. I even told her that so why she continued thinking in the same line I can't understand it.

McINTOSH Do you think you've deceived your daughter in any way in relation to this proposal?

10.42 I AHMED Not really no.

McINTOSH Was it your intention to talk to the groom's father when you travelled to Pakistan earlier this year?

I AHMED you would have seen the person there and they're gonna start talking to you again aren't they?

McINTOSH So had you made arrangements to see him in Pakistan to talk about it?

I AHMED Not particularly made any arrangements but we was expecting to see him there.

I AHMED there was no arrangements made for me to go to that particular place for that particular purpose.

McINTOSH No, no not, you went for, you went for a wedding and

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ultimately went to three weddings I believe, but you had planned that during the time you were there you would.

I AHMED I didn't plan anything.

McINTOSH Talk to him about it.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No. So I asked you if you'd deceived your daughter in any way in respect of this.

I AHMED Not really no.

McINTOSH Okay. When she ran away from home

Shafilea

said that the inducement to come home was when it was said to her 'come home I promise we won't take you to Pakistan, we won't get you married off'.

I AHMED Who said that?

McINTOSH That is what Shafilea said was the reason why she returned home because you had said that to her. You never said that?

I AHMED Well I never said those words to her anyway because I mean when we spoke to her in the school it was actually in front of the two police officers and the school, head of the school.

McINTOSH You knew she didn't want to come home 'cos you knew she didn't want to get married.

12.37 I AHMED No but the question of marriage was just a total ridiculous thing to say right because there never was

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any marriage.

McINTOSH Thank you. There was also

that she wasn't now concerned about the trip to Pakistan where clearly she had been earlier because she said her mother was not travelling which meant that no arranged marriage would take place. Was it a plan of yours to split the family up?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Why did you split the family up when you went out to Pakistan?

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13.58 I AHMED The reason we split up was because when she left home it was two weeks prior to us leaving, right, and we didn't know when she was, when we will find her or when she will come home so we actually cancelled all the tickets. And when we tried to book them again when we found her right, we couldn't all get on it so there was only like three or four available tickets and that's when we said like, I said I'll take the two daughters and the son and myself.

McINTOSH Now I want to be absolutely clear.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH That when you booked the tickets you obtained the only available tickets on that flight at that time, is that correct?

I AHMED Its true yes, its true.

McINTOSH And that is the sole reason why.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Your wife did not go out at that time.

I AHMED Yeah. Confirm it with the travel agent, he'll tell you.

McINTOSH I think for the purpose of the tape we should also discuss the mother not going out and why Shafilea thought that no marriage could take place. So can you explain that for the purpose of the tape?

I AHMED Well I can't think of any reason right. I mean to as far as.

McINTOSH Can a marriage take place without the child's mother?

I AHMED Can do yes.

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McINTOSH I'm going to pause at that moment in time and ask Vicky if she wants to pick up other things that we've just been discussing.

15.31 HOLT Yeah I'll try and just stick to the things that we've discussed. And we're probably going back to the beginning of the conversation really. We've discussed why your daughter has been missing. She's been missing three times. The first two times we've had quite in depth discussions about why she went missing and also about this time. You could not give any reason why she went missing. We decided perhaps it would be in connection with incidents where you and her have come into a small amount of conflict shortly before. Is that correct?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Okay. You couldn't give me a reason why Shafiea would say to other people on the times that she went missing why she was, it was in the back of her mind about an arranged marriage and she didn't want to go to Pakistan. You could not understand why that was. Is that correct?

I AHMED Well I still can't understand it.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED That is correct.

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HOLT Although you have discussed with her in the summer before she went missing.

I AHMED Like, like.

HOLT Before she ever started going missing.

I AHMED I said to you it wasn't a discussion it was just a general conversation.

HOLT she was
only sixteen last July wasn't she.

I AHMED Yes.

HOLT She's only just sixteen and you're discussing it, if you say in the summer its either just before or just after her sixteenth birthday.

16.53 I AHMED Yeah but we had no plans to go in the February anyway.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED At that particular time.

HOLT Alright. So who phoned who. Who made the phone call to who last summer?

I AHMED The phone call was made from myself.

HOLT Okay. To.

I AHMED To this guy right.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED Just for a general conversation.

HOLT What's the phone number, do you know?

I AHMED You've already had the number.

HOLT Okay. Do you know any part of the phone number?

I AHMED No not offhand.

HOLT Okay. So you phoned him.

I AHMED Yeah.

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HOLT What was the purpose of your phone call?
I AHMED Just to chat that's all.
HOLT Is he any relationship to your wife, is he any relation?
I AHMED No.
HOLT So he's the other part of the family?
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT By marriage.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Is he a blood relation that, the intended husband is he
a blood relation to you or your daughter?
I AHMED No.
HOLT Is he a blood relative to your wife.
17.48 I AHMED No.
HOLT Okay. Did you discuss this with your wife?
I AHMED Not really because there was nothing to discuss.
HOLT Do you not think she deserved a view on it?
I AHMED But like I said, I mean when I spoke to the daughter
right, the wife was in the room and she never said
anything about it. I just said.

HOLT Shafilea.
I AHMED Yes.
HOLT Yeah. You use her by name so we know who you're
talking about. So when Shafilea was in the room.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT And your wife was in the room.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT What input did your wife have?
I AHMED Nothing like. I mean because I said to my uncle at

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the same time, I said look its not possible, it can't happen.

HOLT It can't happen why?

I AHMED Because I wasn't interested to start with right. Secondly right I mean.

HOLT To start with.

I AHMED But he's too old.

HOLT Okay. Did you say there is no possibility cos he is too old?

I AHMED Yes.

HOLT So there was never, it was a definite no.

I AHMED As far as I'm concerned yes.

HOLT Okay. Did you make that clear to him?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Okay. So you said definite no, he is too old. You didn't say my daughter's too young, did you?

18.57 I AHMED No I mean obviously she's old sixteen right, I mean he's nearly twenty six, he's ten year old, younger, older than her.

HOLT Okay. So what were the reasons that you said on the phone that your daughter would not ever be marrying this man?

I AHMED No I just said to him like, I said look if in the future right I mean the daughter does decide to do it.

HOLT There's still ten years, its still ten years and you don't agree with that.

I AHMED Ten years, well that's my proposal right.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED But I mean if she wants to say look I like him anyway

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and I'll marry him that's up to her.

HOLT Okay, so is that what you said?

I AHMED Yeah that was generally the idea right. I said look I said I don't decide for my daughter right, its for her to decide.

HOLT Okay. But if she likes him when she meets him whenever that may be then we will go ahead.

I AHMED That's entirely up to her.

HOLT Do you think that put pressure on her, either a fifteen year old or a sixteen year old girl?

I AHMED Well it shouldn't really do because I mean I've never said to her right you're gonna have to do this.

HOLT Okay, but you have made a phone call.

I AHMED The phone call was not for the marriage.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED And that. It just, it was, came into the conversation.

HOLT You have made, yeah, you have made a phone call, correct?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT During that conversation you have discussed either fifteen or sixteen, however old she was, her future with a man twenty-fi, a man of over twenty-five, ten years older than her.

I AHMED Mm.

HOLT And you said well if she sees him in the future yeah that's a possibility.

I AHMED No that's not what I said right. All I said was like, I said if she thinks that she likes him.

HOLT Uh hum.

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I AHMED If they come to meet then its down to her, its not my decision.

HOLT Do you think that would have scared her?

I AHMED It shouldn't do right, I mean who is telling her to do
 this anyway in the first place?

I AHMED I'm not arranging
any marriage for her.

21.03 HOLT You are discussing with a man about.

I AHMED It was just a proposal that came over right, as in conversation which.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED Obviously you tell the person look.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Its not possible.

HOLT But this is for a sixteen year old whose never had any experience of arranged marriages.

I AHMED Well I can't think of on her behalf right. I can only assure her right this was not going to happen.

HOLT Okay and did you do that?

21.26 I AHMED Yes.

HOLT Last summer.

I AHMED Summer as well and even when I went back to Pakistan, made sure that there was no such thing.

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HOLT Whereabouts does your, the man live who you, who
the proposal came through.

I AHMED Abdul RAZAK.

HOLT Abdul RAZAK.

I AHMED About five doors away from the place.

HOLT What place?

I AHMED Same village.

HOLT In Utam?

I AHMED Yes.

HOLT Okay. And he had never met any of your children?

I AHMED No. Well he has but I mean he's seen them ten years
ago right when they were little.

HOLT Okay. What about, what do you know about is it
Rufake, what's the.

I AHMED Rufaket.

McINTOSH Rufaket.

I AHMED Rufaket.

HOLT Rafakad. What do you know about him?

I AHMED It's the last time I saw him was back in '94, '95.

22.39 HOLT Okay, what do you know about him?

I AHMED Not much.

HOLT Okay. Did Shafilea give you any indication what her
expectations for the future were at that point when
you talked to her about this proposal?

I AHMED No.

HOLT So you said to her oh my uncle's just been on, he
offered his son's hand in marriage to you. I said you
were a bit young, he was a bit old, but if you get to
meet it might be okay. That was the end of the

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conversation. She didn't say anything to you?

I AHMED Not to me no.

HOLT Did she say anything to her mother, was there any further discussion?

I AHMED We never actually discussed it after that like, I mean its what she's been discussing with her friends like since, that's totally another issue.

HOLT Were you open to discussion about it with your wife and with your daughter?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Would your daughter have had the opportunity to display concerns about it?

I AHMED Well she has every opportunity yes.

HOLT Okay. So you make yourself available for that kind of discussion?

I AHMED Yes.

HOLT Okay.

McINTOSH How often do you actually phone Abdul RAZAK?

I AHMED It was only on occasion like and that was when his mother died.

McINTOSH So you're saying that the phone call that you had with Abdul RAZAK coincided with the time that his mother died, is that right?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH So if we could establish when his mother died then we would know when that phone call was made.

I AHMED You can yes.

McINTOSH And prior to that I take it you hadn't actually phoned him.

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I AHMED No.

McINTOSH So that was the only time. Are you suggesting that you phoned him to console him over the fact that his mother had died.

I AHMED It was, the phone call was for his mother's condolences.

McINTOSH Cos you can see that people would worry that the phone call was initiated by you, it's the first time you phoned him and that's when the proposal of marriage is proposed.

24.36 I AHMED The way he proposed it like it was to say right, it was his mother's wish that if we were to get closer right by marriage in my family.

McINTOSH Well that must appeal to you because that's how you married.

I AHMED Yeah but.

McINTOSH You married because it was your grandmother's wish, not through love so why should your children marry through love, why can't they have an arranged marriage.

I AHMED Yeah but like I said to you right, I mean exactly what I said to the girl right, I said this is what's come over the phone, what do you think. She said no thanks. I said right.

McINTOSH Hindsight is a wonderful thing, you know what hindsight is.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Being able to look back on things from this perspective. Did you think that what you did there

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25.24 I AHMED frightened her.
Well it shouldn't have done because I mean there was
no intention to harm her in any way over that issue.

McINTOSH she never voiced her concern, her
dismay and her sadness with you over the next few
months because within a few months she's run away
from home.

I AHMED To be honest with you right that issue she never
spoke to us about it right, so this is what I can't
understand, if she was talking to, about this issue
with her friends, right, why didn't she just come and
speak to me or the mother. Cos she knew right, I
mean it wasn't going to happen.

McINTOSH she did.

I AHMED But how can it right, I mean I've just proved it to you
right, I've taken her back home.

McINTOSH By promising her that you're not going to marry her
which is probably.

I AHMED She won't get married right, that's exactly what's
happened. All I said to her was like I said if there's
any fears come back to Pakistan with me right and
we'll go and sort this out in front of the person, no
problem.

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McINTOSH

Certainly once that proposal had been voiced it would appear that Abdul RAZAK was very keen because he actually spoke to your father, believing that your father may have had an influence on you. Cos most fathers do have influences.

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I AHMED

But my dad never spoke to me over it so.

McINTOSH

Well you've already described your relationship

I AHMED

A relationship, or no relationship I don't discuss my children's future with my dad or anybody else.

McINTOSH

But the point I was making was how keen Abdul RAZAK was.

I AHMED

Well he might be, that's his opinion.

McINTOSH

But it certainly seemed that he was aware that you would be talking about it, Abdul RAZAK and you in Pakistan, so it was on the agenda. How was it on the agenda cos his son was never gonna get any younger?

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I AHMED It wasn't on the agenda right, it was something that obviously he's gonna try and talk to you while you're there.

McINTOSH But you'd said he's too old for her, he's never gonna get any younger is he?

I AHMED Well this is, that's something right, if you want to ask
 Mr Farooq, I'm sure he will be able to tell you the
 same thing.

McINTOSH

I AHMED its just in general conversation what people do. That is something that I can't control or neither can anybody else.

McINTOSH I don't have any more specific questions with regard to the arranged marriage and the issue of an arranged marriage but before I come on to talk about Pakistan and some of the information that we've had about your trip to Pakistan I'm going to ask Vicky if she has any further questions on the subject.

28.42 HOLT No I don't think no.

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McINTOSH You bought open ended tickets didn't you for the whole family at certain times.

I AHMED Well originally we actually did book for the whole family.

McINTOSH Why, having bought open ended tickets did you have to buy separate tickets to bring Shafiea back?

I AHMED Because when we were actually going back after the issue, you know her leaving home and then cancelling the tickets in the first place, when we actually tried to re-book them we could only get three original tickets on the flight, the rest was like first class which is like £800.

McINTOSH Right. And how did you pay for these tickets?

I AHMED I think it was paid by cheque.

McINTOSH And did you have the money?

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH How much do you think it cost the whole lot to get the family out there?

30.24 I AHMED About £2,300 I think it was.

McINTOSH £2,300?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH That's how much you estimate the total amount of tickets would be.

I AHMED For four of us yes.

McINTOSH Where did you buy them from?

I AHMED Sultans Travel in Manchester.

McINTOSH And you again split the family up on the return. Now there were obvious circumstances for some of them

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but why did you not all come back at the same time?

I AHMED Because my wife's mother wasn't that well at the time and when I asked the children right, did they want to go back now right, and they said no we're enjoying it ourself, can we stay a few more weeks.

McINTOSH And why did you not stay, why did you come back?

I AHMED Because the idea was like if I go back and I'll send the wife with the other two kids like so they can spend a couple of weeks with her mother.

McINTOSH Right.

31.20 I AHMED And by that time I see if we can get the other three tickets which I actually came.... it took us nearly a week to get them.

McINTOSH We've talked about getting out there and the flight tickets, we've talked about coming back flight tickets. Its important to bring Vicky in if she's got any questions on that issue.

HOLT How much were your flight tickets altogether.

I AHMED What for the.

HOLT For everybody. For the trip to Pakistan how much did the airline tickets cost you?

I AHMED I'd say roughly about just over £3,000, three and a half thousand.

HOLT Okay. £3,874.60

I AHMED yes.

HOLT Okay. And did you have to pay anything for cancelling that first group of tickets, were there any cancellation fee?

I AHMED Not really, I don't think so.

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32.22 HOLT Okay.

McINTOSH Okay, when you were out there, what were the main things that you did. I don't just mean day to day, I mean you actually had big events happening while you were out there. What were they?

I AHMED As soon as we got there, there was a wedding of one of my cousins here in Bradford, his brother.

McINTOSH I think that was within a couple of days wasn't it, if that really.

I AHMED The next day.

McINTOSH Yeah. And that was in the village of Uttam.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Where was that?

I AHMED Its about 15 kilometre away from the village.

McINTOSH Great. Did you go to any other weddings while you were out there?

I AHMED The other weddings were distant cousins from Norway, their sons.

McINTOSH Right, and there were two, is that correct?

I AHMED Four of them.

McINTOSH There were four weddings.

I AHMED Four blokes, four grooms and four brides.

McINTOSH Right so was that five weddings that you went to while you were out there?

I AHMED Well these all happen on the same day right so.

McINTOSH Ah right. Right, so basically it was two events.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH A wedding for four people, for four couples.

I AHMED Yeah. And this happened two weeks later so.

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McINTOSH I'm with you, okay. Did you do anything else while you were out there?

I AHMED Normal shopping and go out, look around.

McINTOSH Okay you said that Farzana's mother, was it mother or grandmother was poorly while she was out there?

I AHMED Her mother.

McINTOSH Her mother. Did her mother pass away.

33.48 I AHMED No she's still alive.

McINTOSH She's still alive. Did you attend any funerals while you were out there. No family members died.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Okay. Do you own any property out there yourself, no, I saw you shaking your head there.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH You don't actually own any property at all out there?

I AHMED Not personally no.

McINTOSH Okay. Do you expect to inherit any property out there?

I AHMED I don't think so.

McINTOSH Because anything that your father owns is likely to go to his new family as it were I would think.

I AHMED That's more likely yes.

McINTOSH Yeah. Because I don't mean to be cruel about this but once he re-married you're more pushed to one side aren't you.

I AHMED I already am.

McINTOSH With regard to your inheritance.

I AHMED Yeah.

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McINTOSH Right. On that I'm gonna hand back to Vicky for a second.

HOLT Did you need, when you were preparing to go out to Pakistan did you need money behind you to support you and your family while you were out there?

I AHMED I took some money with me yes.

HOLT How much did you take with you?

34.54 I AHMED About two and a half thousand I think.

HOLT Okay. And were there any other preparations. Were you required to take any substantial gifts to the weddings, were you having to take any money out to any members of your family?

I AHMED Not for my family like no.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED For the gifts like you just buy them clothes and what have you from there.

HOLT Right so you took about two and a half thousand. The lead up to going to Pakistan, did you, you raised quite a lot of money within that short period before you went to Pakistan, what was that for?

I AHMED Well I actually re-mortgaged my house.

HOLT Yeah, what did that pay for?

I AHMED And I borrowed £10,000. But that was originally for the holiday for all of us.

HOLT Yeah but obviously you took two and a half thousand and your tickets only cost you just over three and a half thousand.

I AHMED The rest was actually given to the wife when she went.

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HOLT And how much was that?

I AHMED I think I must have given her about £3,000, just if anything gets left over she can bring it back.

HOLT Any money come back?

I AHMED Don't think so.

HOLT Would you have been expected, if Farzana and yourself were in agreement, when you got to Pakistan did you make any efforts in case Shafilea liked this boy. Did you make any preparations.

I AHMED He wasn't even there.

HOLT For that.

I AHMED He wasn't there.

36.25 HOLT You didn't know that before you got there though did you?

I AHMED Yeah I did.

HOLT How did you know that?

I AHMED Because he went to Saudi about three, four months prior to that.

HOLT Right, when did you find out?

I AHMED As soon as he went really because I mean he used to phone home anyway right to me.

HOLT Who did?

I AHMED Me. To me cousin next door to me, you know me uncle's lad.

HOLT Right.

I AHMED So Farzana's sister's husband.

HOLT Right.

I AHMED And he told me that he's going so we knew that anyway right, he wasn't there.

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HOLT But he could have gone back for the wedding, he could have gone back for the weddings and then.

I AHMED I doubt it.

HOLT But he could have done.

I AHMED Even if he did like it is very likely that it was going to happen.

HOLT So you made absolutely no plans for the, for.

I AHMED There was no such plans for wedding for her or anybody in my family.

37.14 HOLT You didn't need to make any financial arrangements?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Okay. Ta.

McINTOSH Did Abdul RAZAK give you any gifts or your family any gifts while you were out there?

37.32 I AHMED He might have given the kid, children clothes as that's just a natural thing they do anyway.

McINTOSH So they gave clothes, yeah?

I AHMED Possibly.

McINTOSH Okay. No jewellery.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH No jewellery, no other gifts. Did you give gifts to Abdul RAZAK or any members of his direct family?

I AHMED To his daughter because his daughter got married when we was there.

McINTOSH And what did you give?

I AHMED Clothes.

McINTOSH Clothes.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Standard gift.

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I AHMED Standard gift yeah.

McINTOSH Yeah okay. While out there and admittedly while
you'd come back your daughter became ill. Shafilea
became ill.

I AHMED Well she became ill when my wife went back.

McINTOSH That's right and you were here at the time.

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH So you weren't there at the time?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH So you don't know directly how she became ill, you
only know what you've been told, is that correct?

I AHMED Yeah.

I AHMED Well I can only go off what I've been told like so.

McINTOSH So what do you think happened?

I AHMED Well from what the wife said like she drunk the stuff
accidentally from what she told us and that's, when I
even spoke to Shafilea when she came back she said
the same thing.

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I AHMED

She has gone back home, she has gone on holiday, she decided to stay behind and the mother went back home, right. There was no proposal of marriage whatsoever, there is no such thing that was going to happen, that I can guarantee it, and I can even prove it. The people who are involved right, if you want to talk to them directly I'm more than happy to do it. I will talk to that person in front of your interpreter here if you want me to and that is the best I can do right. I can't go beyond that. I have not done anything wrong and I have not insinuated anything to my daughter that that is going to happen to her. She was very happy when I came, so were the other kids. So that is all. As soon as I found out that she is not

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well we brought her back and then she was in hospital here right and you know what happened here.

HOLT

Okay. Was it Farzana's duty to look after your daughter while she was thousands of miles away from you?

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I AHMED

Yes.

HOLT

Okay. What discussion did you have with Farzana when you first heard that Shafilea had taken this stuff, what did you say to her, she said hello husband, our daughter has taken something that could have killed her, she's very, very ill.

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I AHMED And she took her to the hospital.

HOLT What did you say to your wife?

I AHMED Well I just said why. She said.

HOLT What did she say?

I AHMED She said don't know, she said she's done it
accidentally, that's what she say.

HOLT

She has taken that toilet cleaner (TAPE BUZZER) either on purpose or allowed herself to take it.

I AHMED Well I'm sorry to disappoint you but I cannot understand why.

HOLT Was it rejection that Abdul RAZAK's son wasn't in attendance at Pakistan.

46.05 I AHMED Rejection from whom?

HOLT Was it a rejection because it had been discussed that
 he didn't turn up from your family?

I AHMED He wasn't supposed to turn up or even if he did it
 wouldn't made any difference to me right, what's that
 gonna make?

HOLT Would it have been classed as rejection?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Okay. Even though Abdul RAZAK was still having conversations with your father about that possible marriage?

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I AHMED Look I couldn't give a monkeys what the
 conversation he has with my father, its concerning
 my daughter and that's our welfare.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED I decide what she wants to do.

HOLT Right.

I AHMED And she decide for herself what she wants to do right,
 and I go along with it.

HOLT You decide what she wants to do and she decides for
 herself.

I AHMED I will go along with that, whatever she decides for
 herself.

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1.24 HOLT I asked you how the conversation went with your wife when you first knew about Shafilea's injuries

I AHMED Well she said, she's taken it by accident, that's what she told her, right.

HOLT Right, okay. And from the details that we have gained from her grandfather.

I AHMED Mm.

HOLT Explain to me about the two toilets in her grandfather's house. I know that he lives with other people but in those.

I AHMEDhouse, me and Her grandfather.

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HOLT Sorry.

I AHMED His father.

HOLT Yes I said in your father's house. There's three families live in your father's house. Am I right in saying that they share two toilets outside. Yeah. Will you go through and describe to me the two toilets.

I AHMED Both the toilets are outside, about 2 yards....

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED From the main door.

HOLT What's the difference between the two?

I AHMED Well one's got an English toilet and the other one's got the, the flat base.

HOLT I don't know the difference so an English toilet as in a raised.

I AHMED A raised one.

HOLT Pedestal I think.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT They call it don't they.

I AHMED The other one is the floor level.

2.47 HOLT And one is just a hole.

I AHMED One is, yes, its levelled.

HOLT On the floor.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Okay. And who uses which toilet. Which, which toilet would Shafilea have used in your experience when you were there with her?

I AHMED The English one I think.

HOLT Is that because its difficult for ladies to, to go to the

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toilet on the.

I AHMED Don't know, its just the kids are used to the toilets here like, so.

HOLT Yeah, yeah. Who would use the Asian toilet?

I AHMED Well its not Asian toilet but I mean its just the flat type, I mean the.

McINTOSH It's a non-English toilet is it though?

I AHMED It's a non-English toilet.

McINTOSH Because they also use them in France as well and places like that.

I AHMED Yes.

HOLT Right, so who would use that one?

I AHMED The rest of the family.

HOLT You?

I AHMED Not, not really no, because I use the English toilet myself.

3.36 HOLT Okay. Is it fair to say that your family, your children, would use the English toilet?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED

HOLT

Can you think of any reasons why she would choose the other one?

I AHMED No.

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HOLT No. And what is kept in the English toilet?

I AHMED I couldn't tell you.

HOLT Okay.

Have you ever seen any other toiletries in there?

I AHMED Well you've got your toothbrushes and other stuff there as well.

HOLT Okay, and what's in the other toilet, the flat toilet?

I AHMED Similar things like just cleaning stuff and sink, you know, brushes and whatever.

HOLT Okay. Have you ever seen mouthwash. In the period that you were there have you seen mouthwash in the English toilet?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Have you seen mouthwash in the other toilet?

I AHMED Not unless they move it to the other side because of the sink and that's a different story but not normally no.

HOLT Right. So when your wife told you that she'd consumed, did she explain it to you as Bleach?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Yeah. When she consumed Bleach by mistake did you think that was possible?

5.09 I AHMED But I wouldn't know right away, wouldn't tell you.

HOLT Okay.

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I AHMED Well that's exactly what she said had happened, I don't.

HOLT Yeah.

most people would know the difference between Bleach and mouthwash.

I AHMED I should think so.

HOLT Yeah, okay. So your daughter is very ill. What plan did you make for your wife for her care and her continued care?

I AHMED I mean she was there right. She took her to the hospital, and got, you know, the problem, and the doctor said right just take the medicine and after a couple of days like they let her come home.

HOLT Right. What medicine do they give her?

I AHMED I don't know.

HOLT Did you know it was as serious as it turned out to be when your wife first told you?

I AHMED No.

HOLT What did you think?

I AHMED Well when they first said like I mean, you know, she was getting better obviously, you think well its not that serious.

HOLT Okay, and did you make any plans to think, my daughter's ill, I'll have to go back to Pakistan?

I AHMED If it had have come to that stage I might have had to yes.

HOLT Right. When would you have decided it got to that stage. What would your perimeter have been?

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6.29 I AHMED Well if we thought that she was getting worse like
then obviously the wife wouldn't have come back.

HOLT Right so why did your wife come back?

I AHMED The wife came back right, is because the other
children had to be in school as well.

HOLT Right. What about Shafilea?

I AHMED Well at that time she was okay right, I mean that's
what the doctor said like, just take the medicine right,
and just give her.

HOLT Yeah. So when, at which stage did your wife leave?

I AHMED She came Saturday.

HOLT When did Shafilea consume the Bleach?

I AHMED About a week before that.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED Maybe a couple of days.

HOLT Okay. So she'd received a treatment in hospital.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT And she was back at your father's home.

I AHMED Well she was with her mother's.

HOLT Parents.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Yeah. How was her progress going?

I AHMED Well she was getting better like, that's what wife said
.....

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED But the other problem was right, at the time, because
her ticket was first class like, that's only.

HOLT Whose?

I AHMED Shafilea's.

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7.34 HOLT Yeah.
I AHMED It was only valid for 60 days.
HOLT Right.
I AHMED So that had to be changed so that had actually run out
anyway because she was already there over two
months.
HOLT Right, explain that to me again sorry, I didn't.
I AHMED The rest of the tickets for the family were like twelve
months because there was, they wouldn't.
HOLT Open ended, okay.
I AHMED Her was the first class going.
HOLT Yeah.
I AHMED And it was only valid for two months.
HOLT So hers was a return.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT So hers was a return for two months.
I AHMED Yeah. But when she said she wanted to stay right so
I said to the wife like, I said I'll take the ticket back,
refund it and.
HOLT Okay, was.
I AHMED If it needs to be right, just get another ticket.
HOLT Okay. Who travelled first class on that plane?
I AHMED Shafilea.
HOLT On the outward going.
I AHMED Shafilea.
HOLT Are you sure?
I AHMED Yeah.

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I AHMED And then obviously once the plane started to move
right, she went over and sat with the kids.

HOLT Right. So who actually sat in the first class seat?

I AHMED On the way there, well me.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED Because I've left the kids to play.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED Amongst themselves.

HOLT you could only get one first class ticket, is that correct?

I AHMED Yeah but whether it was my name or her, it wouldn't have made any difference.

HOLT Right okay. You could only get one first class ticket.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Is that correct. Is it cheaper for a child's first class ticket?

I AHMED No it's the same price.

HOLT Bearing in mind it's the same seat isn't it.

I AHMED She's not a child right, she.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED Often, I think its over 12 year is full ticket anyway.

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9.22 HOLT Okay, so there's no difference in money?
I AHMED No.
HOLT Okay. So why did you allow her initially to go and sit in the first class seat and then move backwards and you change over?
I AHMED Because that's what they do when you go in the plane right, everybody has to go to their seats.
HOLT Right.
I AHMED So once they're all in the plane right.
HOLT Uh hum.
I AHMED They then be, I say to the steward like, is it okay for her to go and sit with her brother and sisters.
HOLT Okay.
I AHMED And he said yeah no problem.
HOLT Why didn't you book the first class ticket in your name?
I AHMED Because we, I already originally right, he already had booked mine and the other two kids, right, and he said, he was trying to do four right, and he couldn't do it at the end. He said I've got three, because what they do they put names in the computer.
HOLT Okay.
I AHMED For the seats.
HOLT Right.
I AHMED So the three came out.
HOLT Yeah.
I AHMED He said that's all we've got now right, I can't get the fourth one.
HOLT Okay. And then what happened?

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I AHMED So I said look I said, you'll have to do something better than that right, I said what have you got.

HOLT Right.

10.20 I AHMED He said the only other option is right, I can give you one first class going.

HOLT Uh hum.

I AHMED And then.

HOLT So why did you prioritise the first three between yourself and the two children?

I AHMED I didn't prioritise it.

HOLT Right.

I AHMED That's how they came out.

HOLT Right. So you didn't book a first class seat for Shafilea as opposed to yourself or the other two children.

I AHMED No, no.

HOLT It was the booking agent that did that in her name.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT But you sat in the first class seat.

I AHMED Well I had to because of the kids, I was going to be like.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED I had two in one place and one somewhere else so I just let them sit together.

HOLT Was there a time limit on Shafilea going out there?

I AHMED Er.

HOLT Bearing in mind that education's important.
Was there a time limit on her going out there. Did you think right, six weeks, eight weeks, and then we

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need to be back for the summer holidays.

I AHMED Well yeah, I would have said so yeah.

HOLT Yeah. What about you. Were you limited on time for work?

11.14 I AHMED Yeah, well I was only gonna stay for four weeks.

HOLT Okay, so why didn't you book the first class seat that's got a time limit and book Shafilea in the open ended ticket so you could be a bit more flexible, cos you knew you had to be back at a certain time didn't you.

I AHMED Well because it was already done and then you can't change it once they've done it, it goes in through their computers, its not what I decide.

HOLT But you were doing the booking.

I AHMED No I wasn't doing the booking right, all I'd done is given him the names.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED And the passport numbers and their births, I said look put them through your computers, what comes out.

HOLT Okay. So what was the time limit on Shafilea and the kids staying out there?

I AHMED On her ticket it was only two months, the others.

HOLT Uh hum.

I AHMED They were just the ordinary tickets so you got twelve months on them.

HOLT Okay. But you as a family, when the four of you went out what were you thinking, yourself and your wife, what were you thinking kind of period that you might stay out there?

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I AHMED Well I mean normally I would have brought the kids back if they wanted to come back with me.

HOLT Uh hum.

I AHMED But since they said they wanted to stay like I said fine.

HOLT Okay. So who came back with you?

I AHMED Just me.

HOLT Right. And you left the kids out there. Was there a period where the kids were there alone?

12.24 I AHMED About ten days.

HOLT Okay. And is that normal?

I AHMED Of course. They were with the family like but what's the problem.

HOLT Okay. Did you leave money over there to help your family support the kids and Farzana's family to support the kids?

I AHMED Oh I left money with the kids yeah.

HOLT Right, how much did you leave with them?

I AHMED It must have been about a hundred pound, changed it over to the currency like and I think its about ten thousand rupees.

HOLT Okay. So you came back on your own and your wife was at home with which children?

I AHMED Mevish and Saima.

HOLT Okay. Did you have to pay for the treatment that Shafilea got in the first few days that she was ill in Pakistan?

I AHMED Yeah.

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HOLT How much was that?
I AHMED I don't know, wife will know that she was there.
HOLT Right. Did your grandfather not pay, sorry your
 father?
I AHMED No, the wife paid for it.

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McINTOSH Had she not fallen ill how long would she have been out there for?

I AHMED She was coming back in September, she said she, she's already missed two months of her work so she might as well start again.

McINTOSH She wasn't staying out there for a lot longer, maybe a year or so. Was the idea that she went out there to become more less westernised and to learn true values and true faith that she should be brought up in.

I AHMED It makes no difference to me right, I mean that's the way she lives and that's the way she wants to live.

I AHMED I was never aware of any boyfriends if you are coming to that sort of thing now.

McINTOSH You didn't like her friends did you?

I AHMED What friends?

McINTOSH The kids that she hung around with.

I AHMED No, she hang around with them that's her problem, I never stopped her from it.

16.05 McINTOSH Well haven't you had confrontations in the past, haven't they lied to you in the past when you've been to their house, hadn't they said to you she's not in the house and she's actually in the kitchen.

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I AHMED Yeah but that's something the kids have done right, it doesn't mean that I have confrontation with them, that's her friends.

McINTOSH Did you have a problem with her having white kids as friends?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH I don't want to ask you any more questions with regard to Pakistan, I'm gonna ask Vicki if she's got any more questions with regard to Pakistan.

HOLT Was your wife in agreement that Shafilea and Mevish should remain in Pakistan on their own?

I AHMED Yeah because what the girls said was like, they said they'll stay with their grandmother, wife's mother.

HOLT Right, why didn't Rukish stay?

I AHMED Because she had her school thingy to do, you know the job experience.

HOLT Right, during the summer.

I AHMED It was yeah. But I think she missed it, she came about two or three days late.

HOLT Uh hum. Did you have any problems with the school and the children missing a lot of school?

I AHMED No I had already told them like, I mean they were staying for a couple of weeks over.

HOLT Yeah because I understand that their school had to contact a couple of times and say listen you said that the kids were coming back on this date and they're still not back.

I AHMED I told them when they were coming back.

HOLT So you extended it did you after the initial.

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17.35 I AHMED No I didn't extend it right, its when wife went right, she was gonna stay for another four weeks.

HOLT Right.

I AHMED But only thing was like when they tried to book the tickets back right, it took another week.

HOLT Right. Did you miss your wife while she was away?

I AHMED Of course, like you're on your own here right.

HOLT Right. Okay.

McINTOSH I want to come on to the circumstances of the last disappearance, the last time that you saw Shafilea your daughter. Okay. That contains, a lot of the information that we have is contained in the pre-interview disclosure document D180, I'm gonna ask Mr SCHOOLER if he can confirm that he's had an opportunity to speak with you about document 180.

I AHMED Yeah I've had that and we've gone through it.

McINTOSH Thank you.

the important person is probably you because you are the last person that we can find that saw your daughter alive or at least the last person that saw your daughter.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Okay. So its important that we go through those issues, alright. That particular day, do you remember it, Thursday the 11th of September 2003. The last day that you saw Shafilea. That morning when you got up was it just a normal morning?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH You got the kids ready for school with your wife.

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Did you take the kids to school?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH And did you, did Shafilea leave for Priestley College before or after you left the house?

I AHMED That morning I think mother took.

McINTOSH Mother took all the kids.

I AHMED No, no I took.

19.15 McINTOSH You took the kids and she took Shafilea?

I AHMED Some time it was the same timing.

McINTOSH I understand, I understand. And did you speak to Shafilea that morning?

I AHMED When she got up yeah.

McINTOSH When you left did you say goodbye to her?

I AHMED

McINTOSH Hug and a kiss?

I AHMED No just a normal to say like you know.

McINTOSH Do you hug and kiss your kids?

I AHMED Well not in that circumstances like, I mean when you say hug and.

McINTOSH No its just a general question, do you hug and kiss your kids?

I AHMED If the occasion arises yes.

McINTOSH Yeah. Are you that type of person that likes to give your kids a kiss and a cuddle?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Right. She goes of to Priestley College and presumably you go to work.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Alright. Is it a normal day up to that point?

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I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH When did you return home?

I AHMED I say about, just after 7 o'clock.

McINTOSH Just after 7 o'clock at night, was Shafilea not there?

I AHMED No because she goes into work from.

20.18 McINTOSH Did you remain in the house from 7 o'clock onwards that night?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH All the way through to the following morning. You never left the house for any moment at all?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Never went anywhere, not even to get petrol or to get something from the shop round the corner or anything like that, that was it, once you were in you were in. When did Shafilea come home?

I AHMED About quarter past nine.

McINTOSH How did she get home?

I AHMED Her mother brought her home.

McINTOSH So her mother brought her home about quarter past nine?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH What did she do, Shafilea?

I AHMED Come home like the rest of the kids, go upstairs, get changed.

McINTOSH So she went upstairs and got changed. What did she get, what was she, what did she come home in, what was she wearing?

I AHMED White jeans, white top, blouse.

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McINTOSH And she went upstairs to get changed. When she came downstairs what was she wearing?

I AHMED Her Pakistani.....

McINTOSH Right, her Pakistani clothing I want you to describe for me, start at the top.

I AHMED Just a plain silver.

McINTOSH And work down.

I AHMED Silk.

McINTOSH Plain silver silk sari.

21.28 I AHMED No its not a sari right, its.

McINTOSH Right, I'm not familiar with all the terms.

I AHMED It's a pyjama.

McINTOSH Its like a pyjama top.

I AHMED And a shirt.

McINTOSH And bottoms is it, right. And its, is it matching?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH And its silver.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Okay, and plain, no patterns.

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Is there anything else, is there a scarf with it or anything like that?

I AHMED Well she doesn't wear it in the house.

McINTOSH She doesn't wear it. So she just basically wore a long blouse in effect and like pyjama bottoms.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH For want of a better expression, I'm sorry to use it like that, I know they're not pyjamas but we know what we're talking about.

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I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Yeah. And what was on her feet?
I AHMED Slippers.
McINTOSH Her slippers, now they're slippers for inside the
house, not for going outside?

I AHMED No.
McINTOSH What colour are they?
I AHMED Bloody hell, think. They're tip toe type of things,
with a strap.
22.21 HOLT Flip flops?
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Like your wife is wearing at the moment, they go
between the toe, they have like a thing that you push
your feet through and there's something to hold them.

I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Like a flip flop.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH So there's like a plastic bar that comes up between the
big toe and the next toe and the rest of it, there's
nothing built up round the sides.

I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Okay. And they're plastic or rubber are they?
I AHMED Well there's like a plastic top

McINTOSH Any socks?
I AHMED No.
McINTOSH Did she have her toe nails painted or not?
I AHMED Couldn't tell you.
McINTOSH Does she usually?

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I AHMED She may do, right I didn't actually look.
McINTOSH Okay, can you not picture them now?
I AHMED Not really no.
McINTOSH So they're the only items of clothing that you could
tell she was wearing. Are those flip flops still in the
house?

I AHMED Yes.
McINTOSH Where are they?
I AHMED Where the other shoes are.
McINTOSH Where the other shoes are. And the silver pyjama top
and bottoms, where are they?

23.25 I AHMED They're not in the drawer.
McINTOSH They're not in her drawer.
I AHMED No.
McINTOSH Not in the house. So the last time you saw those she
was wearing them. So she comes downstairs wearing
those, where does she go?

I AHMED Goes in the kitchen.
McINTOSH She goes in the kitchen. Are you in the kitchen?
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Anything said between the two of you?
I AHMED Just hello and how your day went.
McINTOSH And how did her day go?
I AHMED Fine.
McINTOSH Fine. I have to say that's usually what you're told,
fine. That's about it. How did she seem to you?

I AHMED Quite normal.
McINTOSH Anybody else in the kitchen?

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I AHMED The wife.
McINTOSH That's Farzana yeah.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH So anyone else?
I AHMED The other kids went upstairs right, they were playing upstairs.
McINTOSH So what sort of time have you taken me to now?
I AHMED Half nine.
McINTOSH Half nine. So what's done in the kitchen?
I AHMED Her mother made her some food.
McINTOSH What food did she make her?
24.25 I AHMED Pasta.
McINTOSH Pasta. What sort of pasta, tubes, tagliatelle, spaghetti.
I AHMED Round things.
McINTOSH Round things. What was on the pasta?
I AHMED Well she usually puts cheese and some other stuff on it.
McINTOSH Okay. What was it served in?
I AHMED Just on a dish.
McINTOSH A round dish, a bowl.
I AHMED Yes.
McINTOSH A plate.
I AHMED It's a plate.
McINTOSH A plate. Is it part of a set?
I AHMED It was just a normal plate we use every day.
McINTOSH The normal plates you use every day. And what did she eat it with?
I AHMED A fork.
McINTOSH And where was she when she was eating it?

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I AHMED She was sat next to the breakfast bar.
McINTOSH Next to the breakfast bar. Okay. Is that a usual meal
 for her?
I AHMED That's what she's normally had, yeah.
McINTOSH Did she have anything to drink with it?
I AHMED Yeah I think she did yeah.
McINTOSH Anybody else eat with her?
I AHMED Not at that time because all the other kids had already
 eaten.
McINTOSH And this is about half past nine.
I AHMED Yeah.
25.27 McINTOSH How long did it take her to get through her meal?
I AHMED Fifteen, twenty minutes.
McINTOSH Did you stay with her all that time?
I AHMED Yeah I was in the room.
McINTOSH Any conversation?
I AHMED Not really no, she just had the food.
McINTOSH And you never talked to her about anything.
I AHMED No she was just eating right, I was watching telly.
McINTOSH Television in the kitchen.
I AHMED Yeah.
McINTOSH Okay. What were you watching?
I AHMED Oh I can't remember now, sorry.

I AHMED I can't remember what was on it but I know she was

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watching telly there.

McINTOSH

Who was the first one to
move away from the kitchen?

I AHMED

After given her the food and everything my wife just
cleaned up after her and she went upstairs, it would
be about just gone 10 o'clock.

McINTOSH

So just gone 10 o'clock your wife went upstairs. Did
she go to bed, is that the last you saw of her until you
joined her in the room?

I AHMED

Yeah.

26.33

McINTOSH

Okay. So that just leaves you and Shafilea. Any
conversation between the two of you?

I AHMED

No she just had the food, right, and picked her stuff
up and she said oh I'm just going in the room next, in
the front.

McINTOSH

And picked her stuff up, what stuff did she pick up?

I AHMED

She had a bag with her school books I think.

McINTOSH

What bag was that?

I AHMED

Just the bag she brought in from school.

McINTOSH

So her school bag and she went into which room?

I AHMED

The front room, where the garage.

McINTOSH

And how long after her did you move out of the
kitchen?

I AHMED

I just finished watching the television, it must be
about 11 o'clock.

McINTOSH

So you stayed about an hour watching the television
in the kitchen and then where did you go?

I AHMED

Well I just told her like, I said Shafilea just lock up

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right, I'm going to bed.

McINTOSH Right, so she was told to lock up, you were going to bed. And did she say anything to you?

I AHMED

McINTOSH And is that the last moment you ever saw your daughter?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Did you not check that the doors were locked anyway?

I AHMED Well I did, I just, just to say like you know, if there's any lights on or anything like that just check.....

McINTOSH Cos the doors are already locked aren't they, I mean you keep the doors locked, if anybody comes into the house you immediately lock the door behind them don't you?

I AHMED Oh but what I meant by just checking.

McINTOSH Just check everything through.

I AHMED Just to see if lights are on.

McINTOSH Okay. Now were the keys in the door at the time?

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Cos we've already asked this before

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28.16 I AHMED we've never kept the keys from anybody, the other keys are hanging in the kitchen.

McINTOSH Why did you tell us that she was eating at 11 o'clock when you went to bed in your statement, when clearly she was eating at half past nine and had finished it well before 11 o'clock?

I AHMED No I never said she was eating at 11 o'clock.

McINTOSH Well you signed your statement and I'll go through your statement with you if you wish, but you say that you never said that she was eating at 11 o'clock, is that right?

I AHMED I said I went upstairs about 11 o'clock.

McINTOSH Its important that I check then. If you find it before me Vicky just point it out to me.

HOLT Mm, page 9.

McINTOSH Page 9 okay. Everything appeared normal. Shafilea was going to college and on Thursday the 11th of September 2003 she was at home all evening. I last saw her around 11 p.m. in the kitchen where she was having pasta together with a cup of tea.

This statement is the last moments of your daughter as far as you're concerned.

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29.34 I AHMED The last time you've seen her.
That's the way the guys have written it down there,
I'm sorry but that's exactly the way.
McINTOSH Are you saying you've never seen this before?
I AHMED I have seen the statement yeah, but.
McINTOSH You have signed it as well haven't you?
I AHMED Not that one no.
McINTOSH No, no, this is the typed version. But you have
signed, this is.
I AHMED I haven't seen the typed version.
McINTOSH An absolute tans, this is an absolute copy. If
necessary I will get you the hand-written copy that
you have read through carefully and signed as a true
and accurate account of everything.
I AHMED Well I've just told you exactly what's happened right,
I mean I.
McINTOSH I know,

I AHMED But that is the truth right, I mean that's what time she
finished the food and then she went and done her
studies.
McINTOSH So when we've been doing a time-line to try and find
your daughter, clearly there were things that were
wrong
I AHMED No
McINTOSH Okay. So what you told us in there is not correct, is
that right?
I AHMED No I did go upstairs 11 o'clock and that was the last
time I saw her.

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McINTOSH Eleven o'clock she was not in the kitchen, she was in the lounge, she was not having pasta cos she'd eaten it an hour before that.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH

what was she intending to do the following day?

I AHMED I don't know.

McINTOSH

What was your daughter going to do on the 12th of September?

30.36 I AHMED She was supposed to go to the hospital.

McINTOSH Thank you.

I AHMED At 8 o'clock.

McINTOSH she was going to the hospital at 8 o'clock and she was eating the night before?

I AHMED She could only eat up to twelve.

McINTOSH She could only eat up till twelve.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Did your daughter intend to go to the hospital?

I AHMED I would assume so yes.

McINTOSH Didn't you even talk to her about that before you went to bed, like good luck tomorrow hospital or hope everything goes alright at the hospital or are you prepared for the hospital.

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I AHMED I told her right, I said don't forget your appointment in the morning, right, and you can only eat till 12 o'clock.

McINTOSH So why didn't you tell me that when I asked you what the conversation was with your daughter?

I AHMED Yeah but that's already been told to the police time and time over again, it must be.

I AHMED Yeah but I've already told you that anyway so.

McINTOSH The fact you've already told me, if I ask it again, please will you

I AHMED Sure.

McINTOSH Will you just entertain me and tell me again

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McINTOSH I was asking. With regard to the final movements there, you went up to bed.

I AHMED Uh hum.

McINTOSH Round about 11 o'clock and you left Shafilea upstairs, sorry up, but downstairs in the, in the lounge. She had finished her meal, she was still wearing the clothes that you've just described and you asked her just double check everything was okay.

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH She gave you every indication she intended to go to the hospital the following day.

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Do you know how important it is for her to have gone to the hospital appointment?

32.25 I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Are you in any doubt whatsoever that if she fails to get treatment that she could possibly die?

I AHMED Well not to that extent but obviously the doctors were saying like she needed the treatment so we knew that anyway.

I AHMED right, all I'm saying is like she seems quite normal with, as far as we can see, as with her eating and everything at home. And when the doctor actually sent her home right, he did say right, as long as she's eating she's fine. You know,

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she's got to eat like every hour, every two hours, she's got to have something, that was.

McINTOSH So as far as you're concerned if you keep her eating and what have you there's not really that much of a problem. Its not.

I AHMED Well you are under the impression that that was the case why they sent her home and that's why they are just checking her every other week.

we made
sure that she went to the hospital every day, every time she needed to go there.

McINTOSH Well thanks for that,

You went upstairs about 11 o'clock, that's the last time you saw her. Did you hear her come up to bed?

33.37 I AHMED No.

McINTOSH Do your normally go straight off to sleep?

I AHMED Might take half an hour or so but.

McINTOSH When you, when you went to sleep, when you went to bed, was your wife already asleep?

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I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Yes she was. Did you check on the kids before you went to bed?

I AHMED Well I just put, the little one was sleeping with the wife, I actually put her in the other bedroom.

McINTOSH So Saima was actually in with your wife at the time and you, what did you carry her, did you have to wake her, did you walk her?

I AHMED No, no I just carry her in.

McINTOSH You lifted her bodily.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH And put her, which bed did you put her in?

I AHMED She normally slept with Shafilea there.

McINTOSH Okay. Now the bedroom there itself has got two beds in.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH And that's because the four girls sleep there don't they. So the bed that you put Saima into, if I walk through the door now.

I AHMED The first one.

McINTOSH It would be the first one. You've indicated there on the right, is that correct, is it against the wall?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Alright. And which part is the pillow, is the pillow furthest away or is it nearest to me?

I AHMED The furthest.

McINTOSH The furthest away, alright. Is it adjacent to the wall, is it touching the walls?

34.40 I AHMED Yeah.

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McINTOSH Yeah. How many walls does it touch?

I AHMED Two.

McINTOSH Two, so its against the front way, is there a window nearby?

I AHMED On the left.

McINTOSH On the left. So its on the opposite side from the window.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Okay. And you put her to bed, now is it a double bed?

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Okay. Did you put Saima in the bed nearest the wall or nearest the edge?

I AHMED Nearest to the wall.

McINTOSH Nearest to the wall. Was she facing the wall or was she facing away from the wall?

I AHMED She was facing the window.

McINTOSH She was facing the window. So her back was to the wall.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Leaving enough room for Shafilea if she was coming in, okay. And you then went to bed. So how long after going upstairs around about 11 o'clock do you think you actually got in bed and went to sleep?

I AHMED About half an hour or so.

McINTOSH About half an hour, yeah. And you didn't hear Shafilea come upstairs at all.

35.33 I AHMED No. She normally does her work, go to bed until about 12, sometime even later.

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McINTOSH So _____ then Shafilea was still
 downstairs awake by about half past eleven.

I AHMED Yeah.

McINTOSH Okay. What was the next thing that you were aware
 of, did you wake up during the night or did you wake
 up in the morning?

I AHMED I got woken up in the morning.

McINTOSH You got woken up in the morning, what time?

I AHMED Seven o'clock.

McINTOSH Right. I've gone through a long, long passage there
 and its unfair of me since we're both interviewing to
 just continue with this, alright, so I'm going to break
 from that, we've got you to the point where its in the
 morning, and bring Vicky in to talk about anything
 that I may have missed on that.

HOLT We're talking about Thursday the 11th. You said you
 had a normal day, what was your normal day on that
 day, what did you do?

I AHMED Well I drive a taxi.

HOLT Okay. Can you remember anything specific about
 that day, any customers you had, any routes that you
 took, was it a good day, was it a bad day, was it
 raining?

I AHMED Dry day, it wasn't raining. It's just a normal working
 day.

HOLT Okay, talk me through it then.

I AHMED What do you mean, talk me through it. Just a nor.

HOLT Can you remember any jobs you went to?

I AHMED Well if you want to count the number of jobs like I

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couldn't tell you that offhand.

HOLT You can't, how would you tell me that?

I AHMED Well it goes on the meter.

HOLT Right, and what do you do with the meter then.

I AHMED Well every time.

HOLT Is it programmed in?

I AHMED Yeah of course its programmed in.

HOLT Okay. So will it still be on there now?

I AHMED You're got the meter in.

HOLT Right, is it still on there now or do you re-set the meter?

I AHMED Well its already done, you can actually get all the information off it.

HOLT Right, you don't re-set the meter?

I AHMED No.

HOLT You haven't re-set the meter since Thursday the 11th?

37.20 I AHMED Well when you say re-set like I mean, you can re-set it for the next day.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED But it still has the accumulated total on it and the jobs that you've done for the last week. So that stays on.

HOLT Okay. So you don't remember any particular jobs?

I AHMED Not in particular no.

HOLT Okay. Was your planned finish time at 7 o'clock?

I AHMED Yeah finish then every night.

HOLT Okay. So I want you, absolutely everything you did including going to the toilet, taking your shoes off and putting your slippers on, you pull up on the front of your house.

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I AHMED Mm.

HOLT Where do you park the car?

I AHMED On the drive.

HOLT Literally on the drive. Is Farzana's car on the drive?

I AHMED No she left it outside because she was going to pick Shafilea up.

HOLT Okay so you parked your car on the drive, what did you do?

I AHMED Got out of the car and lock it up.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED And walk in the house.

HOLT Okay, did you use your keys?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Okay. How do you get into the house if you don't, you've said that you lock the door, yeah, it's a perfectly good thing to do, everybody should lock their doors and keep the keys, even when they're in the house shouldn't they, you should lock the door. When your wife and children are in the house do you expect those doors to be locked behind them when they go in?

I AHMED Well the porch door is the one that's locked and we take the key away from it and put it in the next door.

HOLT Okay, and you lock that door.

38.48 I AHMED No that stays open until we actually go out.

HOLT Okay so do actually, do you actually lock the doors and take the keys out?

I AHMED From the front one yes.

HOLT From the porch door.

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I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Okay. And whose got keys for that porch door?
I AHMED There's only two keys, one with my car's and one with the wife.
HOLT Okay, so before you got home from work your wife has got a set of keys. Would she lock the porch door.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT And leave the keys in.
39.14 I AHMED No she puts it in the next door.
HOLT Puts it in the next door and leave the keys in that one and does, does that door remain open?
I AHMED Well its open like, I mean its not locked.
HOLT Yeah. But the keys are in.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Right. So you unlocked the porch door.
I AHMED Mm.
HOLT And where did you go then?
I AHMED Well unlock it, lock it again, take my shoes off.
HOLT Did you take the keys with you or did you leave the keys in the front door?
I AHMED I take the keys with me.
HOLT Okay.
I AHMED Because the other door already has the keys in.
HOLT Right.
I AHMED Took the keys in and put them on the kitchen shelf.
HOLT Okay. You said you took your shoes off.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT And where do you put those?
I AHMED In the drawer.

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HOLT Right.

I AHMED Put the slippers on from there and went in.

HOLT Okay. What happened then?

I AHMED Just went in the kitchen right and the kids were there having their meal.

HOLT And what happened?

I AHMED Well I had my meal as well.

HOLT Uh hum, and what did you have for your meal?

I AHMED It was chapatti and curry like the rest of them.

HOLT Okay. Did you all sit and eat together?

I AHMED More or less like, the kids sit on the.

HOLT But describe exactly to me where exactly on that night they were sat, each child.

I AHMED The kids sit on the breakfast bar.

HOLT Yeah.

I AHMED And I was on the coffee table.

HOLT Okay so the chil, and where was your wife?

I AHMED Farzana was still making the food.

HOLT Okay, so you're sat separate from the children eating your food.

40.30 I AHMED Because the kids were already sat there right, so I just sat on the other table and just.....

HOLT So you were sat on a table separate from the kids.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT That were at the breakfast bar. And your wife was still making.

I AHMED Making the food and

HOLT Okay. Was there any conversation between you and your wife?

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I AHMED Just the normal everyday things.
HOLT Like what, what was it on that night?
I AHMED Nothing in particular right, it was just the normal day
thing like, you know, what you been doing.
41.01 HOLT And what did she say she'd been doing that day?
I AHMED Nothing strangely, just pick the kids up, done this,
done that and come home.
HOLT Right and so how long were you all eating your
meal?
I AHMED Say about half an hour or so.
HOLT Uh hum, and did your wife eat with you?
I AHMED Well she eats when she finish cooking and then come
and eat herself.
HOLT With you?
I AHMED She sits on the same table and eats.
HOLT Yeah. So does she do that on that Thursday, and
what do the children do when they finished their
meal?
I AHMED Put their pots in the sink. Help their mother to,
washing the bits and bobs like and just clean up after,
and then they went upstairs to watch I think it was the
police thingy on television for 8 o'clock

HOLT The Bill.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Right. What did you do in-between 7 o'clock and
8 o'clock that the Bill was coming on. You sat down
for half an hour for your meal. What did you do for
the other half hour?
I AHMED Just sat there, watched telly and.

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44.01 HOLT Did you help your wife clean up?

I AHMED Not really like because kids help her out.

HOLT Right, what did you watch on telly?

I AHMED She was watching Asian channel there right and.

HOLT No what did you, what, you said that you watched telly, what did you watch on the telly?

I AHMED I was watching the Asian channel, that's what wife watches it.

HOLT Right.

I AHMED When she's there.

44.01 HOLT Okay, can you remember anything that was on in particular?

I AHMED Nothing in particular no.

HOLT So do you have Sky do you or a cable type thing?

I AHMED It's a digital decoder.

HOLT Okay. You can't remember what you were watching. Okay, so what, the kids go upstairs at 8 o'clock, there's yourself and your wife, what happens next?

I AHMED Well quarter to nine right, she goes out and picks Shafilea up.

HOLT Okay, did she go out alone?

I AHMED No, I think the other girls went with her.

HOLT Why was that?

I AHMED They always do.

HOLT Okay. Would it not have been easier rather than to disturb the kids for just you to nip out for Shafilea.

I AHMED But they always go with her right, so there's nothing new.

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I AHMED Sometime I went, sometime she went.
HOLT Right, so when was the decision made that your wife
 would go and pick Shafilea up?
I AHMED Its no decision right, she's just picked the keys up and
 said right I'll go and pick her up.
HOLT So who stayed at home?
I AHMED Me.
HOLT With.
I AHMED Junyade.

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1.20 HOLT We were up to the point where your wife
left with the girls to pick Shafilea up at work and you
were left in the house with Junyade. What time did
the girls, the females leave the house?

 I AHMED Quarter to nine.

 HOLT Okay. And what did you and Junyade do?

 I AHMED Junyade was playing upstairs with his games.

 HOLT What was he playing?

 I AHMED I don't know, he was upstairs.

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HOLT Okay, and what did you do?
I AHMED I was sat downstairs watching the television.
HOLT In which room?
I AHMED Kitchen.
HOLT Okay. And did you have a drink, did you speak to anybody on the telephone, what exactly did you do?
I AHMED I just sat there watching telly.
HOLT Okay and what did you watch?
1.59 I AHMED There was an Asian programme on.
HOLT About.
I AHMED Like the drama was on like, I mean.
HOLT Can you remember what it was?
I AHMED No sorry.
HOLT Okay. And what time did the girls arrive back?
I AHMED About quarter past nine.
HOLT And what exactly happened?
I AHMED Well they walk in through the door right, and take their shoes off and whatever like and go upstairs and get changed.
HOLT Okay. And then you said to Stuart earlier that your wife and Shafilea came into the kitchen and you said how about your day.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT And what did your wife do then?
I AHMED Well she made some food for Shafilea right and gave her the food.
HOLT Okay. Does Shafilea not eat the same meals as yourselves?
I AHMED Not since the.

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HOLT Okay.

I AHMED Stomach thing because you're not supposed to eat spicy food.

HOLT Right. And so how long did it take your wife to make the pasta?

I AHMED It was only just cook the stuff, ten, fifteen minute.

HOLT Okay. And what was Shafilea doing while your wife was cooking her tea?

I AHMED Well she went upstairs to change and then came down.

HOLT You've explained how you sat there watching telly while Shafilea ate her pasta and then you described how your wife went up to bed okay. Did the children come down and say goodnight?

I AHMED No they just normally just go up to their room and do their own things and go to bed.

3.31 HOLT Is that usual?

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Right, and you said that Shafilea picked up her bag, can you explain the bag any more to me?

I AHMED It was just a plastic bag with some books in it.

HOLT Okay. And she went into the other room.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT When she came home from work I understand that they wear identification badges on a little cloth thing. Did she have that on?

I AHMED I didn't see it.

HOLT Okay. Where does she usually put that?

I AHMED No idea.

HOLT Does she have a handbag with her?

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I AHMED She normally does yeah.
HOLT Did you notice her having a handbag with her when she came back that night?
I AHMED Not really no.
HOLT And where are those items now?
I AHMED The handbag is not there.
HOLT Uh hum.
I AHMED And about three or four pairs of clothes has gone off.
HOLT Okay, what about the pass that she wears, has to wear for work. Its on a red cloth.
I AHMED I didn't see anywhere.
4.36 HOLT You don't know about that, you've never seen that. Is it in the house?
I AHMED I don't seen it so.
HOLT Okay. Which three or four sets of clothing have gone?
I AHMED Trousers, tops.
HOLT What kind. If you can identify three or four sets.
I AHMED I'm sorry now, you'll have to, I can't remember which ones she took.
HOLT Right. You said three or four sets of clothing.
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Okay. You must in your head know that she's taken three or four sets of clothing so what are those?
I AHMED Well that's what the police have already been told like when they came to the house.
HOLT Right.
I AHMED And the girls have given them the items and what she's taken or not.

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HOLT Okay. I understand that the girls share clothes, Rukish and Shafilea share clothes.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Is that right?

I AHMED Their trousers are the same size yeah.

HOLT Okay. What about their traditional dress, do they share those as well?

I AHMED They can do yeah, its more or less the same.

HOLT Okay. What about shoes?

I AHMED No they're a different size.

HOLT Okay. What size shoe is Shafilea?

I AHMED I think she's 4.

5.44 HOLT Okay, so what shoes are particular to her. You said that she has sort of slippers like your wife.

I AHMED They're just like flip flops.

HOLT Yeah and they're in the house.

I AHMED They're there at home yeah.

HOLT What other shoes does Shafilea have of her own?

I AHMED Off the top of my head I couldn't tell you really.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED I'd have to ask the.

HOLT Does she have a pair of heeled boots for example?

I AHMED She does have zip up boots.

HOLT Yeah. And are they in the house?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Are any other shoes of Shafilea's in the house that you know about?

I AHMED Well whatever is there right, I mean you people have already taken them.

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HOLT Right. Have you noticed any?

I AHMED Well she's got some shoes under the bed yeah.

HOLT Has she got her own shoes under the bed, they're still there?

I AHMED A couple of pairs yeah, she's got a few pairs like so its not just.

HOLT Okay. Are you aware that any of Shafilea's shoes are missing?

I AHMED There might be two, one or two pairs yeah.

HOLT Are you aware of that or not?

I AHMED Well like I said I mean her boots are not there and a white pair of heeled shoes.

HOLT Neither of those are there.

6.56 I AHMED Yeah, they might be.

HOLT Sorry yes they are or yes they're not.

I AHMED Well they're not there I mean there might be another pair with it.

HOLT Okay.

I AHMED There might be another pair with it I don't know.

HOLT Okay so you can say there's a pair of white heeled shoes and a pair of boots of Shafilea's that aren't in the house.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT And what you think are four sets of pants and tops.

I AHMED Maybe, more or less I don't, I don't know, the girls know exactly what's not there.

HOLT Okay. What about personal items, make-up and deodorant and toothbrushes.

I AHMED I don't know about that.

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HOLT Okay. Did Shafilea have any complaints about anything, was she nervous about the following day, about her hospital appointment?

I AHMED She didn't look like it

HOLT Okay. Were there any phone calls made that night, either by you or by her?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Did you notice a mobile phone?

I AHMED She had her brother's phone with her that night when she came home.

HOLT Right, how do you know that she had it with her?

I AHMED Well that's the phone she took with her and brought it back.

HOLT She took with her and brought it back from where?

I AHMED From work.

HOLT How do you know that?

I AHMED Because she put it on the drawer when she came home.

9.16 HOLT

So she came in and she put her phone on which drawer?

I AHMED Well they're usually on the shelf in the kitchen.

HOLT Okay. Everybody's phones?

I AHMED All of them are there.

HOLT Okay. Why didn't she have a phone of her own?

I AHMED She was actually, she did have her own phone right,

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she just didn't get another SIM for it.

HOLT Okay. If I was to tell you that she bought a SIM card a couple of days before she went missing.

I AHMED We knew of that yes.

HOLT You knew of that. So she did have a SIM for it, she did buy another SIM for it.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Okay. So when you say she did have a phone but she didn't have another SIM, she did have a SIM.

I AHMED It was bought the same week.

HOLT Yeah. Where was the SIM card?

I AHMED It'll be in her room somewhere I think. I haven't seen it.

HOLT Okay. How were you aware that she bought a SIM?

I AHMED Its only what the girls have told me.

HOLT And how are they aware?

I AHMED Well they've obviously seen her with it in the room.

HOLT Right. I also understand she had flip phone of some kind. What happened to that?

I AHMED That's the phone that she's had with her yeah.

HOLT That's the phone she's had with her when?

I AHMED When she went.

HOLT When she went.

I AHMED When she went that night.

HOLT Okay, so she still had that phone.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Okay, so why did she have Junyade's phone with her when she came back from work?

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I AHMED Well that's the one she was using that particular day, I dunno why.

HOLT Right. Although she had a new SIM that week she still had a flip phone.

I AHMED It was a similar thing, she must have got it the day before or something like I should think.

HOLT Okay. So why didn't she have her mobile, flip mobile phone with her new SIM?

I AHMED I don't know that do I?

HOLT Okay. What kind of flip phone was it, I'm not terribly good on phones so you'll have to.

I AHMED I don't know, I mean its one of them, just a phone.

HOLT Okay. What colour?

I AHMED Silver.

HOLT Was it a new one?

11.14 I AHMED Yeah, think it's a couple of months old.

HOLT Okay. Are you aware of when she bought it?

I AHMED It must have been back in January or February I think.

HOLT Right, and do you know where she bought it from? Can you tell me what make the phone was?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Would you know if I told you names or not?

11.39 I AHMED I think it's the Motorola ones.

HOLT Uh hum. Did you notice any windows in the front or anything like that?

I AHMED I've not actually.

HOLT Alright. Why did she have that new phone?

I AHMED What do you mean why did she have the new phone?

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HOLT Why did she buy a new phone in February, January, February?

I AHMED That's when she first left home when she bought that phone and came home with it.

HOLT Right. What about her old phone?

I AHMED I never saw that.

HOLT So you were only aware of her having one tele, one mobile phone?

I AHMED She said she lost the other one so obviously she got this.

HOLT Okay. Have you ever taken a mobile phone from her?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Okay.

McINTOSH We'd, we're taking you up to 7 o'clock and we haven't taken you past 7 o'clock in the morning.

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McINTOSH We've taken you up to 7 o'clock in the morning, when
you woke up. You said you were woken up at 7
o'clock in the morning on Friday the 12th, who woke
you up?

I AHMED My daughter.

McINTOSH Which daughter.

I AHMED Rukish.

McINTOSH It's very difficult, you have four daughters don't you?

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH And one son.

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH Please refer to them by name,

McINTOSH So it's Rukish that woke.

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH It was Rukish that woke you up.

I AHMED Yes.

McINTOSH What did she say?

I AHMED Oh she came in the , in the room right, knocked on

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the door right, she said, "Dad, Shafilea's not here."
So jumped out of bed, me wife starts crying straight
away, I come down have a look round and obviously
the keys are not in the door right, but the first door is
open, look at the other door right the keys are down
by the letterbox.

McINTOSH

Right,

I AHMED

I went upstairs and I said to the wife, I
said, "She's done it again."

McINTOSH

So I presume you said, "We'll have to go and report it
to the police."

I AHMED

No all we said was like, "Well see what happen, right
if she's gone to her friends or not, or something like
that." She has done that before right, obviously we
didn't expect anything else.

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I AHMED

all we wanted to
know was right, if she has gone to the friend's like,
she'll turn back home.

McINTOSH

So you went round to the friend's house then?

I AHMED

No, because they're the same girls who have actually
told us before right, "Don't knock on our door."

McINTOSH

So you never went
to the friends, you
never reported it to the police?

I AHMED

We were giving a couple of days to see if she would
come back, that's all we've done.

McINTOSH

You give her a couple of days. When did you

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actually start to go round searching and when did you actually report it to the police?

I AHMED Well before we could even do that right, on Tuesday morning right, the police was already at our door.

McINTOSH Well a couple of days is Saturday, Sunday, then there's Monday and now the Tuesday the police are on your door?

I AHMED Well on Monday right the work rang up and they said she hadn't turned up there, then the school rang, rang up and they said she's not here and Tuesday morning right, the police came round asking, "Where is she?" and I told them that she's not here, she's been, she went on Thursday.

McINTOSH You told Sergeant FARMER, that she'd climbed out the bedroom window.

I AHMED No, no she, she went through the door.

McINTOSH

but at the time he recorded, on the form that you'd said you'd gone through the bedroom window, is that not right?

21.18 I AHMED No what I said to him was, I said, "She's run off prior before this right and she's even gone through the window before this." But this particular time right, she went through the door, everybody knows that I mean I've told that.

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McINTOSH 7 o'clock in the morning Rukish woke you up, told you that she'd gone. You searched around, what, what did you notice?

I AHMED Well I asked the girls right, see have a look upstairs if any clothes have gone.

McINTOSH What did they tell you?

I AHMED Said yeah, a couple of pair of clothes were missing as well.

McINTOSH Which clothes?

I AHMED Well those clothes have already, the girls have itemised them to you right, I don't.

McINTOSH Yes they have, I'm asking you now, what clothes was

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it? Just fundamental, what clothes was it?

I AHMED Trousers and tops.

McINTOSH Which ones?

I AHMED What she normally wears, jeans.

McINTOSH What colours?

I AHMED I don't know what colours right, she had a couple.

McINTOSH But how are you going to look for her because you
need to know what colours she was wearing wouldn't
you?

I AHMED Look I don't know which ones she took right, the
girls have told the police which clothes she took.

McINTOSH Did you ask Saima anything?

I AHMED No, she doesn't remember anything.

McINTOSH Did you ask Saima anything?

I AHMED Well yes she doesn't remember anything, she was a
asleep when we asked her.

McINTOSH She's in the same bed.

I AHMED Yeah well she didn't, she didn't seem to know
anything about it.

McINTOSH Did the bed look like it had been slept in?

I AHMED No.

McINTOSH It didn't look like it had been slept in?

I AHMED No.

23.22 McINTOSH So from that we can assume then that she may not
have gone to bed.

I AHMED Well

McINTOSH Is that a fair assessment?

I AHMED Possibly yes.

McINTOSH Did you phone any extended family, did you let them

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know that she'd gone missing to keep their eye out in case she turned up there?

I AHMED

She wouldn't have gone to any of our family right, she, she never has done before she, she doesn't even know them that well, I mean to go there on, on her own.

McINTOSH

Why do you think she went off?

I AHMED

I don't know right, I mean if I knew that right, why the hell are we sitting here today.

McINTOSH

she didn't run off because.

I AHMED

But she did run off right, I mean all we don't know is why and where.

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I AHMED And in my values right, whatever she has done is beyond my belief right, and I don't know why she's done it and where she's gone. She left home that's all we know. If we had anything to do with it I wouldn't be sitting here talking to you now.

25.11 McINTOSH Where would you be?

I AHMED What do you mean where would I be she would be home if we knew where she was.

McINTOSH Why?

I AHMED Why because we would go and find her right, we don't know where to look.

You're under suspicion of kidnapping your daughter, taking her or carrying her with force, or fraud, against her consent.

I AHMED I haven't done no such thing.

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33.11 HOLT Okay, what had you done, to look for
your daughter?
I AHMED Well I told you already right we thought that she's
gone.
HOLT Okay.

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I AHMED With her friends again.
HOLT Right, she left.
I AHMED So given the time right, let's see if she comes back.
HOLT Okay, the same as the last times that she went missing?
I AHMED Yeah.
HOLT Right, the last time she went missing in-between the 3rd and the 10th of February, which is a period of 7 days, there were 67 phone calls from you to her mobile phone. From you or your wife to her mobile phone.
I AHMED Yeah that was her mother.
HOLT Between the 3rd and the 10th of February.
I AHMED Trying to ring her up yeah.
HOLT Okay, how many phone calls were there this time?
I AHMED But we haven't got her number right, who do we call?
HOLT You said she left with her flip phone which is a number ending 792, yeah?
I AHMED We haven't got that new number.
HOLT No that's not a new number she's had that for a long, long time. She's had that phone for a long time, that, that phone still has credit on it.
I AHMED It might have a credit but.
HOLT Yeah.
I AHMED But it hasn't got a SIM then.
34.15 HOLT But it hasn't what?
I AHMED It hasn't got the same old SIM right, that's what she's done she's changed the SIM.
HOLT Right, did you make any efforts to ring the mobile

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phone number that you had for her?

I AHMED

The old one?

HOLT

792 number, ends in 792, her flip phone?

I AHMED

No she hasn't used that phone for nearly 6 months.

HOLT

Right, did you make any efforts to ring Shafilea?

I AHMED

No, no because we didn't have number on it right, so who do we ring?

HOLT

Did you try any of the number:

I AHMED

Yeah well Junyade's phone is at home right, I mean that's the one.

HOLT

Yeah.

I AHMED

She last used.

HOLT

Okay, the flip phone that she's got has the number 0, double 7, 9, double 1, 8, 3, 7, 9, 2. Is that right?

I AHMED

Yeah but that number doesn't exist, she, she hasn't got that SIM in it.

HOLT

Okay, so has she not had a SIM card in that, that, I mean you can change the SIM card and still keep the same number.

I AHMED

I don't know if she's done that or not right.

HOLT

Right, but you can, you can change the SIM card and still keep the same number.

I AHMED

Well if that's the case then have you tried that number and what response do you get?

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HOLT

No, I'm asking you.

I AHMED

Well we didn't try that because.

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HOLT Right so you didn't try it.

I AHMED Well we had the number last time then we rang her up.

HOLT Okay, so she hasn't had any form of communication since February, as far as you're concerned?

I AHMED Not on that phone no.

HOLT No, she has, has she had any form of communication since February?

I AHMED What do you mean communication?

HOLT Mobile.

I AHMED Well not, not that we know of no.

HOLT Okay, so she's not contacted you at all on her mobile phone?

I AHMED No.

HOLT But she's had use of Junyade's?

I AHMED That's just recently she's used that.

HOLT Okay and you're not aware of any other mobiles that she's had?

I AHMED Well if I was like, I would, I would ring her up myself right, I mean we don't know of any numbers.

HOLT On the 12th, which is the day after she went missing.

I AHMED Yeah.

HOLT Yeah, mobile number rang your home at 5 minutes past 9 and then your home returns the call. Can you remember who that was?

I AHMED 9 o'clock in the morning?

36.43 HOLT No in the evening, 5 past 9 in the evening. Can you remember what that phone number was.

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Who was that person that made the phone call.

I AHMED I don't.

HOLT And then your home rang back.

I AHMED I've no idea I didn't pick the phone up at that time.

HOLT Okay, that was Junyade's phone that ends 376, the number Junyade's phone called your house 5 minutes past 9 on the first day that, that she was missing why was that, 5 past 9 at night.

I AHMED

HOLT Is Junyade allowed out at 5 past 9?

I AHMED No.

HOLT Can you think of anything that would make Junyade's phone ring your home phone number and your home phone number return the call?

I AHMED No that's phone's been home all the time.

HOLT So you can't, you can't explain that.

I AHMED No.

HOLT Okay, who rang to confirm Shafilea's hospital appointment the day before she went missing. There was a phone call between your home address and the hospital where Shafilea's appointments are confirmed.

I AHMED How do I know.

HOLT And a female rang from your address at 16.28 which is 20 minutes, 28 minutes past 4 in the evening, Shafilea was at work.

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I AHMED

I wasn't there.

HOLT

Shafilea was, on the day, on the 11th, yeah, who made that call to confirm that she would be there the next day?

I AHMED

Nobody that I know of.

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